

**AMHERST COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2014
MINUTES**

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A public meeting for the Amherst County Planning Commission was held on Thursday, August 7, 2014, in the School Board Room located in the Administration Building at 153 Washington Street, Amherst, VA.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Derin Foor, Chairman
Beverly Jones, Vice Chairman
Michael Martineau
Les Irvin
Lillian Floyd
George Brine
David Pugh, Board of Supervisors Liaison

STAFF PRESENT: Jeremy Bryant, Director of Planning/Zoning
Stacey Stinnett, Administrative Assistant

STAFF ABSENT: Austin Mitchell, Assistant Zoning Administrator/Planner

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Citizens Comments
4. BZA Request
 - A. #2014-02A Tim Fuller (tax map# 82-A-78)
5. Old/New Business
6. Approval of Minutes for July 17, 2014
7. Adjournment

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Planning Commission Action:

Motion: Jones Motion to approve the agenda as submitted.

Second: Martineau

The motion carried by a 6-0 vote

3. CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were none.

4. BZA REQUEST

A. # 2014-02A Tim Fuller (tax map# 82-A-78)

Request by Tim Fuller for approval of a variance from Section 804 of the Amherst County Zoning Ordinance. The requested variance will reduce the setback from the front yard requirement of fifty (50) feet to approximately thirty (30) feet dwelling. The request is referenced by a drawing submitted by the applicant. The property is located on Abderdeen Lane and is further identified as tax map parcel number 82-A-78.

Mr. Bryant presented the Staff report and concluded his comments by stating that should the Board of Zoning Appeals approve this request; Staff recommends the following conditions.

1. The variance is granted for Tax Map Parcel No. 82-A-78 to reduce the fifty (50) foot setback to thirty (30) feet to allow for the construction of a single-family dwelling.
2. The proposed dwelling shall be in general compliance with the submitted plot plan.
3. The granting of this variance shall not be construed to vest in the applicant a right to the variance until all necessary local, State and federal plan application, review and approval processes have been completed.
4. This approval may be revoked by the County of Amherst or its designated agent for failure by the applicant or its assigns to comply with any of the listed conditions for any provision of Federal, State or local regulations.

The Planning Commission had a brief discussion regarding setback conditions for the property.

Planning Commission Recommendation:

Motion: Jones Motion to recommend approval to the BZA for case # 2014-02A Tim Fuller with Staff recommendations and for condition number one to remove the word "approximately."

Second: Floyd

The motion carried by a 6-0 vote

5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Bryant discussed some of the new Stormwater Requirements that affect development. He explained how new construction would be affected due to the new regulations that the Department of Environmental Quality is implementing.

Mr. Bryant also stated that the applicant would need to get in touch with DEQ first, prior to getting a zoning or building permit, if they fall within the guidelines that a Stormwater application is necessary.

Mr. Bryant stated that Staff would be making several changes to the ordinance and bringing them forth to the Planning Commission.

Mr. Brine asked if staff had any updates on the Verizon cell towers on 60 West. Mr. Bryant replied that no changes had been made since his last updated report to the Planning Commission shortly after his meeting with Verizon in the spring. Mr. Bryant stated that Verizon told the County the towers would be fully equipped and voice activated within a year.

The monthly report was reviewed.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES JULY 17, 2014

July 17, 2014 Minutes:

Several grammar corrections were made.

Planning Commission Recommendation:

Motion: Irvin Motion to approve the July 17, 2014 Planning Commission minutes with changes.

Second: Brine

The motion carried by a 6-0 vote

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.


Planning Commission Recommendation:

Motion: Brine Motion to adjourn.

Second: Martineau

The motion carried by a 6-0 vote.

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Chairman