

**AMHERST COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2016
MINUTES**

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A public meeting for the Amherst County Planning Commission was held on Thursday, July 21, 2016, in the School Board Room located in the Administration Building at 153 Washington Street, Amherst, VA.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lillian Floyd

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. Election of Officers
5. Public Hearing
 - A. 2016-12 Distilleries (PC # 2016-02)
6. Route 29 Business Beautification Committee – Charter
7. Broadband Draft Text
8. Old/New Business
9. Approval of Minutes for June 16, 2016
10. Adjournment

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Planning Commission Action:

Motion: Foor Motion to approve the agenda as submitted.

Second: Martineau

The motion carried by a 5-0 vote

3. CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were none.

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

CHAIRMAN:

Motion: Irvin Make a motion to nominate George Brine as
Chairman.

Second: Martineau

The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

VICE CHAIRMAN:

Motion: Foor Make a motion to nominate Michael Martineau as
Vice Chairman.

Second: Irvin

The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

SECRETARY:

Motion: Foor Make a motion to nominate Jeremy Bryant as
Secretary.

Second: Martineau

The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Mr. Brine preceded the meeting as Chairman.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

A. 2016-12 Limited Breweries and Limited Distilleries Ordinance

Amending §§302, and 702, specifically subsection 702.02, of Appendix A to the Amherst CountyCode, to define limited breweries and limited distilleries, and to establish them as a permitted use in the agricultural residential district. In technical amendment not shown in the text of the ordinance, numbered paragraphs under 702.02 have been replaced with bulleted paragraphs.

Mr. Bryant briefly reviewed the ordinance to the Planning Commission.

Mr. Brine opened the public hearing.

Susanna Trefscar, resides at 683 Maple Run Rd in Amherst, VA spoke in favor of the ordinance. Mrs. Trefscar is hoping to open a limited distillery and sell out of her home. Mrs. Trefscar also said that the fruit for the product will be grown on her property as well and she hopes that with demand in the future she can get the community involved.

No one else spoke; therefore, Mr. Brine closed the public hearing.

Planning Commission Recommendation:

Motion: Foor Motion to approve Draft Text for Distilleries (PC # 2016-02)

Second: Irvin

Motion carried by a 5-0 vote

6. ROUTE 29 BUSINESS BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE - CHARTER

Mr. Bryant briefly reviewed the documents with additions from the last Planning Commission Meeting. He asked the members for approval and adoption of the committee and recommendations of members to the charter be emailed or called into office by the next Planning Commission meeting date.

The Planning Commission discussed how to get the community and citizens involved in this project.

Planning Commission Recommendation:

Motion: Jones Motion to approve Route 29 Business Beautification Committee charter with corrections.

Second: Martineau

Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

7. BROADBAND DRAFT

Mr. Bryant reviewed the changes with the Planning Commission.

Planning Commission Recommendation:

Motion: Martineau Motion to approve Broadband Text Draft and submit to the County Attorney to put into Ordinance form.

Second: Foor

Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

8. OLD/BUSINESS

The Planning Commission discussed alternate methods to use for a smoother application process for wireless cell towers.

9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JUNE 16, 2016

Planning Commission Recommendation:

Motion: Irvin Motion to approve Planning Commission Meeting Minutes for June 16, 2016 with changes.

Second: Jones

Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Planning Commission Recommendation:

Motion: Irvin Motion to adjourn.

Second: Jones

The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George D. Smith", is written above a horizontal line.

Chairman

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