

**AMHERST COUNTY
ROUTE 29 BUSINESS BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2019
MINUTES**

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A public meeting for the Route 29 Business Beautification Committee was held on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 in the County Administration Meeting Room located in the Administration Building at 153 Washington Street, Amherst, VA.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Beverly Jones, Chairwoman
Lori Saunders
Benita Unrue
Dottie Rucker
Teresa Brooks
John Ruff
Ruth Martineau
Jeremy Bryant

MEMBERS ABSENT: Calvin Kennon, Vice Chairman

STAFF PRESENT: Tyler Creasy, Assistant Zoning Administrator/Planner

STAFF ABSENT: Stacey Stinnett, Administrative Assistant

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Citizens Comments
4. Mowing Update
5. Mailboxes
6. Future Projects
7. Old/New Business
8. Adjournment

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Jones called to order at 4:00 PM.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Action:

Motion: Benita Motion to approve the agenda as submitted.

Second: Teresa

The motion carried by 6-0 vote.

3. CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were none.

4. MOWING UPDATE

Mr. Bryant updated the committee on potential mowing spots on the Route 29 Business Corridor. Currently, the County does not have enough money to continually mow these areas and the inmate workforce is not able to keep up with the demand. Staff pitched their idea to VDOT, in which private landscapers would mow specific areas and then be able to place a sign for advertisement in said areas. VDOT liked the idea and future meetings have been set.

5. UPDATE ON MAILBOXES

Mr. Bryant updated the committee about his most recent interaction with Mrs. Webb from Madison Heights' Post Office. Staff will be putting together a packet to try and get mailboxes removed from the street on Route 29.

6. FUTURE PROJECTS

Committee and the staff discussed future projects and came up with the following:

1. Painting on the Water Tower
2. Grant Project – Match up to \$500 for store front renovations, signs, etc.
 - a. Staff will draft a grant for the committee to review, that gives a description and application form.

3. Lighting of John Lynch Bridge
4. Big Lots Sign

7. Update: Old Town Madison Heights

Mr. Bryant briefly updated the committee on the grant project for Old Town Madison Heights. Staff is having trouble getting participants for the grant. The committee discussed several ideas to increase participation.

8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

There was no old/new business discussed.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:06 pm.

Action:

Motion: Saunders Motion to adjourn.

Second: Dudley

The motion carried by 8-0 vote.


Chairman