

**AMHERST COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2014
MINUTES**

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A public meeting for the Amherst County Planning Commission was held on Thursday, November 6, 2014, in the Board of Supervisors Room located in the Administration Building at 153 Washington Street, Amherst, VA.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Derin Foor, Chairman
Lillian Floyd
George Brine
Les Irvin

MEMBERS ABSENT: Beverly Jones, Vice Chairman
Michael Martineau
David Pugh, Board of Supervisors Liaison

STAFF PRESENT: Austin Mitchell, Assistant Zoning Administrator/Planner
Stacey Stinnett, Administrative Assistant

STAFF ABSENT: Jeremy Bryant, Director of Planning/Zoning

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Citizens Comments
4. Board of Zoning Appeals Request
 - A. # 2014A-04 Roland N. Bussard
(tax map # 33-A-2)
5. Prioritizing Comprehensive Plan Strategies
6. Old/New Business
7. Approval of Minutes for October 2, 2014
8. 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: Floyd

The motion carried by a 4-0 vote

3. CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were none.

4. BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS REQUEST

A. # 2014A-04 Roland N. Bussard (tax map # 33-A-2)

Request by Roland N. Bussard for approval of multiple variance(s) from Section 804 of the Amherst County Zoning Ordinance. The requested variance(s) will reduce the 200 foot setback from public land owned by the United States Government and managed by the U.S. Forest Service. The proposed dwelling will be 84 feet from the northern property boundary; 109 feet from the eastern property boundary; 111 feet from the southern property boundary; and 104 feet from the western property boundary. The request is referenced by a drawing submitted by the applicant. The property is zoned A-1 Agricultural Residential District and is located on a forest service road that has access to Slapp Creek Road (SR 636) and is further identified as tax map number 33-A-2.

Mr. Mitchell 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. 33-A-2 to reduce the 200 foot setback from public land owned by the United States Government and managed by the U.S. Forest Service. The proposed dwelling will be 84 feet from the northern property boundary; 109 feet from the eastern property boundary; 111 feet from the southern property boundary; and 104 feet from the western property boundary.
2. 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.
3. 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 or any provision of Federal, State or local regulations.

Mr. Foor stated that the hardship is generally shared by other properties in the same zoning district. Mr. Foor also stated that the realtor should have been aware of the National Forests setbacks and informed the applicant.

Planning Commission Recommendation:

Motion: Irvin Motion to not take action on Board of Zoning Appeals
request # 2014A-04 Roland N. Bussard (tax map # 33-A-2).
Second: Floyd
The motion carried by a 3-1 vote (Foor)

5. PRIORITIZING COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGIES

Mr. Mitchell gathered the completed forms from the Planning Commission and stated that he would review and discuss further at the next Planning Commission meeting.

6. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OCTOBER 2, 2014

The minutes could not be approved.

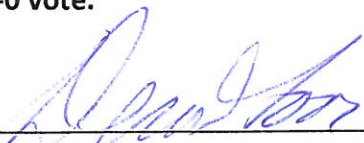
8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Planning Commission Recommendation:

Motion: Brine Motion to adjourn.
Second: Floyd
The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

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Chairman