

**AMHERST COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2015
MINUTES**

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A public meeting for the Amherst County Planning Commission was held on Thursday, April 16, 2015, in the Board of Supervisors Room located in the Administration Building at 153 Washington Street, Amherst, VA.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Derin Foor, Chairman
Beverly Jones, Vice Chairman
Lillian Floyd
George Brine
Les Irvin
Michael Martineau

MEMBERS ABSENT: 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. Board of Zoning Appeals Request
 - A. # 2015A-02 Charles A. Schrader
(Tax Map #122-3-8)
5. Old/New Business
6. Approval of Minutes for March 19, 2015
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: Martineau Motion to approve the agenda.

Second: Jones

The motion carried by a 6-0 vote

3. CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were none.

4. BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS REQUEST

A. 2015A-02 Charles S. Schrader

Request by Charles S. Schrader Jr., for approval of two (2) variances from the Amherst County Zoning & Subdivision Ordinance. The first variance is from Section 804(a), to reduce the setback from the centerline of Amber Ridge Drive, from seventy-five (75) feet to seventy (70) feet. The second variance is from Section 710.06(1) (a), to reduce the setback from a perennial stream on the rear of the property from seventy-five (75) feet to seventy (70) feet, to allow for the construction of a single-family dwelling. The request is referenced by a drawing submitted by the applicant. The property is zoned A-1 Agricultural Residential District and is located on lot 8 of Amber Ridge Subdivision and is further identified as tax map number 122-3-8.

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. 122-3-8 to reduce the setback from the centerline of Amber Ridge Drive, from seventy-five (75) feet to seventy (70) feet and from Section 710.06(1) (a), and to reduce the setback from a perennial stream from seventy-five (75) feet to seventy (70) feet, to allow for the construction of a single-family dwelling.
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

The Planning Commission had a brief discussion.

Planning Commission Recommendation:

Motion: Martineau Motion to make a favorable recommendation for request # 2015A-02 Charles S. Schrader (tax map # 122-3-8) to the Board of Zoning Appeals with staff recommendations.

Second: Irvin

The motion carried by a 6-0 vote

5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Bryant updated the Planning Commission on Phase 3, the internal construction of the Train Depot Station.

Mr. Bryant stated that staff continues to update the GIS system. These new features include flood data, school districts, and landfill locations.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MARCH 19, 2015

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Planning Commission Recommendation:

Motion: Jones Motion to approve the minutes for March 19, 2015.

Second: Floyd

The motion carried by a 6-0 vote.

7. 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 6-0 vote.



Chairman

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