

**AMHERST COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2017
MINUTES**

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A public meeting for the Amherst County Planning Commission was held on Thursday, February 16, 2017, in the Admin. Conference Room located in the Administration Building at 153 Washington Street, Amherst, VA.

MEMBERS PRESENT: George Brine, Chairman
Beverly Jones
Jim Thompson
Derin Foor
Lillian Floyd
Michael Martineau
David Pugh, Board of Supervisors Liaison
Calvin Kennon, EDA Board of Liaison

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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. Public Hearing - Special Exception
 - A. 2017-01 White, Deborah & Philip
5. Public Hearing – Ordinance
 - A. 2017-02 Flood Plain Ordinance
6. Old/New Business
7. Approval of Minutes for January 19, 2017
8. 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: Brine Motion to approve the agenda.

Second: Jones

The motion carried by a 6-0 vote

3. CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were none.

4. PUBLIC HEARING – SPECIAL EXCEPTION

A. 2017-01 Deborah & Philip White

Request by Deborah and Philip White for a special exception request in the A-1 Agricultural Residential District. The purpose of the special exception is to allow for a kennel that will provide board and grooming services.

Mr. Bryant presented the Staff report and concluded his comments by stating that Staff recommends the following conditions.

1. Hours of Operation:
Hours of Operation for customers:
 Monday – Sunday 8AM-8PM
2. Sewage: Prior to the issuance of a zoning permit, the applicant shall contact the Virginia Department of Environmental Health to determine if the septic system is adequate.
3. Number of dogs: No more than 20 dogs shall be boarded at the facility at any one time.
4. Noise: No animal shall howl, bark, whine, meow, or make other such noises which are plainly audible on the property of another person and which occur

Mr. Brine opened the public hearing.

Mr. White, applicant, spoke in favor of the request and answered the Planning Commission's questions regarding noise, distance from neighbors and the septic tank system.

There being no further comments, Mr. Brine closed the public hearing.

Planning Commission Recommendation:

Motion: Jones Motion to approve special exception request #2017-01 for Deborah and Philip White with staff recommended conditions.

Second: Floyd

Motion carried by a 6-0 vote.

Mr. Bryant stated that this request would go to the Board of Supervisors Meeting on March 21, 2017 with a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission.

5. PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE

A. 2017-02 Flood Plain Ordinance

Adding § 714 to Article VII of Appendix A to the Amherst County Code to establish provisions governing development in areas susceptible to flooding.

Mr. Bryant reviewed the Ordinance and explained that this ordinance needed to be updated to state regulations and with the help of the County Attorney this ordinance has been made compliant with the state.

Planning Commission Recommendation:

Motion: Martineau Motion to approve Flood Ordinance 2017-02 and send to the Board of Supervisors for review.

Second: Thompson

Motion carried by a 6-0 vote.

6. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Bryant reviewed a letter from Campbell County regarding a special use permit request for 1124 Mt. Athos Road. Mr. Bryant explained that this letter was sent because Amherst County is an adjoining locality to this parcel.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JANUARY 19, 2017

Planning Commission Recommendation:

Motion: Foor Motion to approve Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
for January 19, 2017.
Second: Martineau
Motion carried by a 6-0

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Planning Commission Recommendation:

Motion: Foor Motion to adjourn.
Second: Martineau
Motion carried by a 6-0 vote.



Chairman

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