



**AMHERST COUNTY
ROUTE 29 BUSINESS
BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE**



MINUTES

DATE: July 27, 2022
TIME: 4:00 PM
PLACE: Administrative Office Comp

1. Call to Order

Members Present: Beverly Jones, Tony McBride, Calvin Kennon, Lori Saunders, Benita Unrue and Teresa Brooks

Members Absent: Dottie Rucker and Jeremy Bryant

Staff Present: Stacey Stinnett and Tyler Creasy

Chairwoman Jones called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm

2. Approval of Agenda

Route 29 Business Committee Recommendation:

Motion: To amend the agenda by adding item B) Grant Approval after Old and New Business.

Motion made by: Saunders

Second: Unrue

Motion carried by a 6-0 vote.

3. Approval of Minutes for June 29, 2022

A. Minutes

Route 29 Business Committee Recommendation:

Motion: Motion to approve the minutes as submitted.

Motion made by: Kennon

Second: Saunders

Motion carried by a 6-0 vote.

4. Citizens Comments

There were none.

5. Budget Review

The committee discussed the new budget.

6. Old/New Business

Mr. Lacy, representing First Choice Motors, briefly spoke about removing the sign that had been up for many years. He stated that they were not going to replace the old sign because a new sign was going up that would be attached to the building.

The committee noticed that the application was an older application and asked the applicant to resubmit using the newer revised application.

Route 29 Business Committee Recommendation:

Motion: Motion to approve the application for First Choice Motors. The County will contribute \$1900 of the \$3800 removal for the sign.

Motion made by: Brooks

Second: Saunders

Motion carried by a 5-0 vote. (McBride abstained because his company will be removing the sign)

The applicant stated that sometime in October they will be doing more work to the property consisting of: painting the roof and siding and resealing the parking lot. The applicant wanted to know if this business could apply again for more grants.

The committee had a brief discussion and felt that the applicant should wait and come back in October and complete the revised application including all of the work, so that only one (1) application would be submitted for all of the projects on this lot.

Route 29 Business Committee Recommendation:

Motion: Motion to rescind previous motion. Hold off grant funding until October after the applicant completes a revised application with the new invoices for all project work done.

Motion made by: Brooks

Second: Saunders

Motion carried by a 5-0 vote. (McBride abstained because his company will be removing the sign)

A. Mowing Updates / Sidewalks

The Planning Commission briefly discussed flowers and VDOT mowing.

Mr. Kennon and Ms. Brooks were concerned that the guidelines regarding the grant process needed to specify that one application could be approved every 12 months. The committee came to an agreement that the verbiage should read: *One approved application is allowed per property every 12 months or as allowed by the Route 29 Business Beautification Committee.*

Rt 29 Business Committee Recommendation:

Motion to accept new guideline verbiage regarding the Minii-Grant application.

Motion made by: Kennon

Second: Brooks

Motion carried by 5-1 (Saunders)

7. Adjournment

Rt 29 Business Committee Recommendation:

Motion to adjourn.

Motion made by: Unrue

Second: Saunders

Motion carried by 6-0.

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

Chairman