

**AMHERST COUNTY
ROUTE 29 BUSINESS BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

MEMBERS PRESENT: Beverly Jones (Chair), Lori Saunders, Calvin Kennon, Dottie Rucker, Teresa Brooks, Nate Young and Aaron Ferro

MEMBERS ABSENT: S.W. Martin and Tony McBride

Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved with one change.

Addition to Old/New Business for 3540 S Amherst Hwy.

The Committee had a discussion regarding the application for 3540 S Amherst Hwy. The applicant has decided to withdraw and resubmit for future projects.

Route 29 Business Beautification Committee Recommendation:

Motion to approve the agenda

Motion made by: Jones

Second: Brooks

Motion carried by a 7-0 vote.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A. February 24th, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Route 29 Business Beautification Committee Recommendation:

Motion to approve the meeting minutes for February 24th, 2026.

Motion made by: Brooks

Second: Kennon

Motion carried by a 7-0 vote.

4. Mini-Grant Application(s)

A. Oak Hill

The Committee had a discussion regarding the completed project for Oak Hill.

Members approved of the completed project report and agreed to move forward with funds disbursement.

5. Old / New Business

A. Introducing Haley Alger as new staff member

Haley Alger was introduced as the new staff member.

B. Discussion of New Member

The committee was asked if they had any comments or thoughts regarding the addition of a new member. They did not have any at this time.

C. Chamber Award Dinner Partnership

The Committee had a discussion regarding the Chamber Award Dinner Partnership.

The Committee agreed to present a Business of the Year Award at the Chamber Dinner. Members will develop and bring forward recommendations for the award recipient.

Staff will present a proposed plaque design at the next meeting.

D. Spring Decorations for Wayfinding Sign

The Committee had a discussion regarding the spring decorations for the Wayfinding Sign.

Members agreed to forgo the spring decorations this year.

E. New Membership Application Approval

Route 29 Business Beautification Committee Recommendation:

Motion to approve the new membership application.

Motion made by: Saunders

Second: Young

Motion carried by a 7-0 vote.

F. Updated Mini-Grant Application Approval

Route 29 Business Beautification Committee Recommendation:

Motion to approve the updated mini-grant application.

Motion made by: Saunders
Second: Brooks
Motion carried by a 7-0 vote.

6. Adjournment

Route 29 Business Beautification Committee Recommendation:

Motion to adjourn
Motion made by: Saunders
Second: Farrow
Motion carried by a 7-0 vote.

Chair Jones adjourned the meeting at 5:00pm.


Chairman

