

# Town of Ashland



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Planning Commission Work Session  
Minutes  
April 24, 2013 – 6:30 p.m.

The Planning Commission of the Town of Ashland, Virginia, held a work session on Wednesday, April 24, 2013, in the Town of Ashland Conference Room located at 101 Thompson Street, Ashland, Virginia.

**Present:** Alan Abbott, Chairman  
Lou Ann Jewell, Vice-Chair  
Bob Brown  
Felix Stevens, III  
Bob Flanagan

**Absent:** Dr. Spagna, Council Liaison  
Andrea Erard, Town Attorney

**Others Present:** Nora Amos,  
Director of Planning and Community Development  
Nancy Quesenberry, Administrative Assistant

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

The work session was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

The Planning Commission reviewed the proposed residential and commercial zoning ordinance text.

The Planning Commission expressed a desire to break down the proposed ordinance amendment into five (5) different areas and to focus this meeting on district delineation and the B-1 uses. There was discussion on whether the uses in the B-1 District and the B-1 Downtown District would be the same.

There was discussion regarding the boundary lines that would determine the area to be considered the B-1 Downtown District along with an “H” District to designate the “Core Downtown” District.

Ms. Jewell presented Ms. Quesenberry a lovely plant on behalf of the Planning Commission for Administrative Assistant’s Day.

Discussion continued on how to zone without making anyone angry and still getting what staff and the Planning Commission would like.

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There was discussion of possible incentives to put retail instead of office uses in the B-1 District.

The Planning Commission were tasked to return at a later date after considering the circles of the bulls eye zoning and retail in the first floor spaces without alienating businesses.

There was discussion regarding the Holland Tract Land and Ms. Amos requested that the Planning Commission consider options for this land. She stated that there would be a separate work session for this discussion at a later date.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no other items, the work session was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.