The Altavista Planning Commission held a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at 5:30PM in the Council Chambers at Town Hall.

Members present	-	Jerry Barbee, Chairman
		Bill Ferguson
		Audrey Powell
		Tim Wagner
		John Woodson
Also present	-	Cheryl Dudley
		Dan Witt

The agenda was reviewed and approved as presented. A motion was made by Mrs. Powell and seconded by Mr. Woodson. All members were in favor with none opposing.

The minutes were reviewed and approved as amended. A motion was made by Mrs. Powell and seconded by Mr. Ferguson. All members were in favor with none opposing.

Chairman Barbee stated that he would attend the council meeting on Tuesday, March 9, 2010 to present the recommendation for denial of the SUP application by Janet Hall of B&D Auto Sales.

Chairman Barbee introduced the discussion about a tree conservation ordinance. Mr. Eller was not present for the PC to ask questions, which limited the conversation. Mr. Witt presented information relative to this topic and suggested that the ordinances he researched dealt strictly with publicly owned property. Mr. Barbee stated that he would like to see Heritage Trees and Memorial Trees preserved.

Mr. Wagner suggested a possible reward system for conservation and preservation of trees on private property such as tax abatement for not removing trees during a residential development. Mr. Witt suggested that this type of regulation may be better handled through the Zoning Ordinance, as the ordinance is in the process of being updated. Chairman Barbee requested that Mr. Witt attempt to schedule a meeting, in the near future, with Mr. Eller and Chairman Barbee.

Mr. Witt was asked to check with the enforcement offices of Farmville and Middleburg.

Mr. Witt gave his staff report. No zoning permits issued for the month of February. He reported that he'd spoken to Greg Baka in reference to rewriting the zoning ordinance and the negotiations were moving forward.

The meeting was adjourned @ 6:12PM

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Jerry Barbee, Chairman Dan Witt, Assistant to the Town Manager