Morristown/Morrisville Planning Council

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Meeting Minutes of Tuesday 13 June 2023

Council Members present: Joshua Goldstein, Etienne Hancock (Chair), John Meyer, & Wally Reeve
Council Members absent: Tim Magee
Guests: Ron Stancliff (Conservation Commission), Kristin Fogdall, Thea Alvin, Tom & Nancy Donavan, David Ring, Ed Loewenton, Tom Cloutier, Laura & Martin Green
Staff: Planning Director Todd Thomas

Call to Order: Chair Hancock called the meeting to order in the Community Meeting Room of the Old Tegu Theatre at 43 Portland Street at approximately 5:02 P.M.

Meeting Minutes: Member Reeve moved to approve the May 23rd meeting minutes. A vote of 3-0-1 affirmed the motion with Member Goldstein abstaining.

Discussion: Zoning Administrator zoning change suggestions for 2023
Zoning Administrator Todd Thomas led the Planning Council through his list of recommended zoning changes for 2023. Said changes included the following proposals:

1. Revise §320 Special Flood Hazard Area per suggestions at Mr. Thomas' recent FEMA training class in Waterbury.
2. Make a §485 Extraction of Earth Resources clarification per the recent DRB hearing for gravel extraction at the proposed Route 100 airport industrial park.
3. Revise §426 Pond property line setback changes so ponds could be shared across property lines.
4. Revise §502 Dumpster location and restriction change to ban dumpsters in residential portions of the village.
5. Add to the §820.5 Street classification process so the Selectboard would have the requested recommendation from the Zoning Administrator if a proposed street should be designed to public or private road standards.

From the aforementioned items, the §485 Extraction of Earth Resources and the §502 Dumpster location & restriction changes received the most discussion. Member Goldstein wondered if dumpsters should continue to be allowed in the High Density Residential Zone only. Kristin Fogdall asked the Planning Council to provide more teeth to the §485 Extraction of Earth Resources zoning controls. The Council decided that it may take up this extraction issue after the coming State mandated S.100 zoning changes were dealt with. The Council, by consensus decided to adopt Mr. Thomas' zoning change suggestion for 2023 as part of the planned fall zoning change proposal.

Discuss: Upcoming Planning Council meeting schedule
The Council set its schedule for the remainder of 2023 and decided, by consensus, to bring its meetings back to under the tent at Copley C.C. during the summer months.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM, submitted by Todd Thomas, Planning Director