

Morrisville/Morristown Housing Committee

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Meeting Minutes of Thursday 19 December 2024

Committee Members present: Judy Bickford, Bob Bortree, Josh Goldstein, Donna Sherlaw (attended electronically but could not participate due to technological issues)

Committee Members absent: Yvette Mason

Guests present: Town Manager Brent Raymond, Jerry Throne

Staff: Planning/Zoning Director Todd Thomas, A/V Operator Ally Olsen

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order in the Community Meeting Room of the Town Offices, 43 Portland Street in Morrisville, at approximately 5:05 P.M.

Vote: Approve prior meeting minutes – Approval of the December 12th minutes was tabled as the Committee waited for cost information from Grace & Seth Costa.

Discuss: Draft affordable housing letter for Planning Council – The Housing Committee reviewed the additional edits made to the draft letter to the Planning Council that resulted from Grace & Seth Costa's testimony at its prior meeting. The Committee was amenable to the new 3rd bullet point therein that asked for changes to the Zoning Bylaw's Section 206 architectural repetition rule. The Committee, however, spent most of its time reevaluating the letter's 1st bullet point, which spoke to expanding Low Density Residential Zone along Morrystown Corners, Stagecoach Road, & Cadys Falls Road. Member Bortree noted concerns expressed by Members Mason & Sherlaw regarding this topic via email but said that he developed hesitation regarding this item independently. Member Bortree moved to revise the letter's 1st bullet point to call out connecting the LDR 4 & 5 Zones only (which would exclude Morrystown Corners Road from the suggested zoning change). The motion failed by a vote of 1-2. Member Goldstein moved to approve the letter to the Planning Council as drafted. A vote of 2-1 affirmed the motion (of members known to be attending the meeting at that time).

Discuss: Mutual Assistance discussion with Stowe Housing Committee – The Committee discussed what topics should be broached with the Stowe Housing Committee at what was hoped to be a joint meeting of both Boards. After some discussion, the agreed upon topics for this meeting were as follows:

1. Compare vision statements /
2. Employee housing /
3. Housing issues within each community /
4. Housing affordability across all income spectrums /
5. Missing middle housing /
6. How to promote more housing inventory /
7. Short term rental registry /
8. How can Stowe & Morrisville work together

*The Housing Committee will meet next at 5pm on Thursday January 23rd.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM, submitted by Todd Thomas, Planning/Zoning Director

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