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**MORRISTOWN/MORRISVILLE
PLANNING COMMISSION
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**Draft Minutes of December 18, 2007
Approved on: 01/10/08**

P.C. Members Present: Lauren Traister; Andrew Volansky; Bill Henchey, Chair; Steve Berson; Richard Duda

Absent: Kelly Rogers; John Meyer

Also Attending: Mark Leonard; Steve Rae; Mike Miller; Craig Myotte; David Crawford; Bill Rossmassler

Recorder: Chip Sawyer, LCPC

Bill Henchey opened the meeting at 7:03 PM.

Town Sewer Service Area (TSSA)

Craig Myotte of Morrisville Water & Light presented a map of the current (2007) and previous (2005) proposed TSSA boundaries, the 2007 version having recently been approved by the Morrisville Trustees and Morristown Selectboard. Myotte expressed a desire to have the consensus of the Planning Commission.

Bill Henchey and Chip Sawyer acknowledged a somewhat frustrating experience at the 12/17/07 meeting with the Trustees and Selectboard about setting the TSSA. Chip Sawyer asked what, exactly, was being asked of the Planning Commission, whether it be a resolution, language in the Town Plan, or something else. Bill Rossmassler added that normally a TSSA would be proposed in a Town Plan FIRST.

Bill Henchey lamented an apparent lack of public involvement in setting the TSSA boundary.

Craig Myotte reiterated a need for Planning Commission agreement with the TSSA boundary. He suggested that there could be a public process to adjust the boundary in the near future.

Bill Rossmassler asked if it was possible for the Trustees to just submit the smaller, 2005 TSSA.

Richard Duda asked how the 2007 boundary had been designed.

Bill Rossmassler summarized the process behind the 2005 boundary.

Steve Rae and Chip Sawyer asked if the Planning Commission may be willing to resolve to agreement with the 2005 boundary and looking forward to a public process in the future concerning the 2007 version.

Dave Crawford echoed that reasoning and mentioned that the proposed sewer plant expansion anticipated future growth in areas of the town, which may go beyond the 2005 boundary and MAY help explain the 2007 boundary. He said that the Selectboard's desire is not to derail the project, a primary reason behind their 12/17/07 support for the 2007 boundary.

Motion by Andrew Volansky, seconded by Lauren Traister, to make a resolution in agreement with the 2005 boundary and looking forward to future public involvement surrounding the 2007 boundary. Motion passes (4 yea, 1 nay).

Motion by Richard Duda, seconded by Volansky, to add to the previous resolution an acknowledgment that certain areas within the 2007 boundary may warrant addition to the TSSA, based on past public input. Passed unanimously.

Dave Crawford suggested that the 2005 and 2007 boundaries be included as appendices in the Town Plan. Bill Henchey concurred.

Dave Crawford suggested that the Village Trustees confer with LCPC staff on moving forward with making a synthesis of the Selectboard and Planning Commission statements. Myotte concurred. Mark Leonard reminded all involved that the application was slated to be submitted on Friday 12/21/07.

MACC Donation

Motion by Volansky, seconded by Steve Berson, that the Planning Commission donate \$100 dollars to decorate the gazebo for the Holidays. Motion passed unanimously.

Town Plan

Mike Miller handed out copies of Town Plan revisions and future land use map. He mentioned that most changes not yet seen were in facilities/utilities, transportation and land use sections.

Traister asked if it was possible to spell out the land use district abbreviations. Crawford asked if it would be possible to change the name of the BOP.

Motion by Traister, seconded by Henchey, to change the name of the Business Office Park district to Office and Light Industry District. Motion passes.

Berson expressed a desire to expand the new Mud City Loop district to include more of the western end of Town. Miller stated that the current MCL had received a lot of public comment. Henchey echoed the importance of that public input. Bill Rossmassler suggested adding an acknowledgment to the Plan that other areas of Town may benefit from the same sort of large lot zoning. Miller stated that there is already some language in the town plan stating that other areas of town may benefit from large lot zoning, like that in the MCL.

Motion by Traister to adopt this copy of the draft Town Plan, including edits requested of Miller and including language from Millers upcoming meetings on the sewer and storm drainage as the Public Hearing copy of the Town Plan. Seconded by Volansky. Motion passes.

The Planning Commission agreed to set a Public Hearing at 7pm on 1/22/08 in the Tegu Building.

The Planning Commission also agreed to cancel the regular meeting on 1/15/08 and hold an abbreviated meeting after the 1/10/08 design review charrette meeting.

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In light of receiving \$3,000 less than asked for from DHCA for the Downtown Motorized/Nonmotorized Transportation Opportunity Study, Sawyer had sought the counsel of a consultant in how to adjust the proposed workplan. After hearing the input received, the Planning Commission members expressed a desire to maintain the focus on identifying barriers, issues and next steps for the idea of a one-way Portland-Main-Pleasant Streets traffic flow. Sawyer will adjust the workplan in that fashion and confer with Dave Crawford before submitting to DHCA.

Approval of Minutes

No quorum available to vote on the 11/6/07 or 12/4/07 meeting minutes.

Motion by Traister, seconded by Berson, to accept the 11/28/07 minutes as edited. Motion passed.

Berson moves to adjourn, Traister seconds. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Submitted by: Chip Sawyer, recorder.