

MORRISVILLE/MORRISTOWN PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes of November 17, 1992

Meeting was called at 7:30 p.m.

Planning Commission Members Present: Adrian West, Debra Mason, Normand Nepveu, George Robson. Others Present: Gloria Wing, Zoning Administrator, and Mac L. Stevens, Manager of Planning & Development for Rail, Air, and Public Transportation, Vermont Agency of Transportation.

VERMONT AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION - Site Plan Review of 30' weather station at Morrisville/Stowe State Airport off RTE 100 South. The Automated Surface Observing System has been installed without a local permit. Mac Stevens, representing the Vermont Agency of Transportation, was present to extend apologies and answer questions. The National Weather Service was responsible for permitting. The weather station is located just off the airport entrance road, and just off RTE 100. This site was selected due to its access to power. The Commission determined that traffic circulation and access, parking, and access to renewable energy resources were not relevant considerations to this application. An assumption was made that the function of the weather station precluded landscaping and screening, and comments focused upon the appearance of the tower, given its prominent site. Stevens indicated that the Federal Aviation Administration does not consider the station an obstruction, and therefore the light on top of the tower is not legally required. Approval of the site plan was granted unanimously upon motion by West, with the condition that the applicant submit a site plan as required by Morristown Zoning Bylaw (amended Nov 91) Article V, Section 502.

Minutes of November 3 were read and unanimously approved.

Letters of Interest and Resumes from prospective new Planning Commission members were distributed. These will be discussed at the December 1 meeting.

The commission discussed hearing procedure and process. Commissioner West moved to schedule all applicants for hearings at 7:30 p.m. to avoid delays between hearings. The motion passed after discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Mason