

MORRISTOWN/MORRISVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 4, 1997



Members Present: Dan Demars, Rich Furlong, Jane Greene, Sam Guy, Pat McCulloch, and George Robson.

Members Absent: None

Guests: Ken Sweetser, Zoning Administrator

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Sam Guy, Planning Commission Chairman.

Ken Sweetser presented the October 30, 1997 Draft Amendments for the 1998 Town/Village Plan for review and discussion. This draft should be reviewed by all Planning Commission members with changes and corrections submitted to Ken Sweetser prior to the December 9th public hearing.

It was mentioned by Ken Sweetser that Village Trustee Dick Sargent objects to the Morrisville/Morristown Plan being consolidated. Dick feels that there should be two separate plans.

The merger of the Village and Town Bylaws was briefly discussed. Ken Sweetser advised the Planning Commission that Village Trustee Dick Sargent also objects to this consolidation.

Sam Guy and Ken Sweetser are planning to attend the November 17, 1997 Select Board meeting to discuss these consolidation issues.

Ken Sweetser presented the Town Plan Adoption schedule. If all of the deadlines occur as presented, the 1998 Town Plan could be adopted on February 16, 1998.

The Planning Commission reviewed the Planning and Zoning portion of the 1998-99 General Fund Budget and unanimously voted to approve that portion as presented.

Ken Sweetser advised the Planning Commission members of the updated project schedule for the Morrisville Bypass. If this schedule holds firm, the actual construction of the Bypass could begin as early as 2002.

When reviewing the Draft Amendments to the 1998 Town/Village Plan, the Planning Commission members should pay particular attention to the Communications section beginning on Page 38. The potential impact of towers, antennas and satellite dishes on our environment must be given careful consideration. The revised Town/Village Bylaws will also address this issue to insure that any adverse impacts are kept to an absolute minimum and that all potential projects will be fair to all concerned parties.

A brief discussion was held on the possibility and feasibility of making a zoning change to a parcel of land from Rural Residential Agriculture to Industrial. Since the proposed parcel of land is part of a LEDC/Water & Light joint project, Sam Guy excused himself from the Planning Commission in order to speak for the LEDC. As a result of this discussion, Ken Sweetser will draft a recommended change with specific meets and bounds to be included in the current Town/Village Bylaw update.

The Planning Commission meeting minutes of October 21, 1997 were reviewed and approved as written.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, ,

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