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Minutes of October 4, 2006

Members Present: John Meyer, Kelly Rogers, Lauren Traister, Andrew Volansky, Bill Henchy, Steve Berson

Members Absent: Richard Duda

Guests: Michele Boomhower (LCPC)

Recorder: Mark Leonard, Zoning Administrator (ZA)

Bill called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Michele Boomhower reviewed the results of the joint PC/SB meeting held on August 14, 2006 to gather initial thoughts and comments from the public for the town plan revision. She listed the key Town Plan sections the Planning Commission listed for expanded public discussion: Land Use, Housing, Economic Development, and Transportation and identified key terms and expressions that need to be better defined as the process moves forward.

Bill and Lauren felt that too much time spent on terms and definitions could turn off the public or stifle the discussion. Lauren said it would be helpful if LCPC provided generic definitions, where such exist, to help steer public discussion in those key sections. Bill added that the result of the next public forum on Oct 17 should be answers on how the public wants to proceed, not more questions.

Michele reviewed the terms she had gathered under each of the key sections. Kelly suggested narrowing down the list of terms to those that have a commonly accepted definition.

The ZA presented a memo from David Raphael of LandWorks providing design review standards used in several Vermont towns. He only had one copy of each town's standards, some of which were fairly lengthy. Rather than copy them all for the members, Michele offered to format them as PDF files to be sent to each member by email. Members agreed to review them before meeting again with David Raphael on his study of possible design review standards for Morristown. David would be at the November 7th meeting. The ZA said he would encourage the DRB to participate in this discussion, as they would be charged with applying any new standards that might be adopted for Conditional Uses and Site Plan Reviews.

Kelly moved to designate Bill Henchy as the sole chair for the Planning Commission, giving up her role as co-chair as she expects to be absent for a number of meetings following the birth of her child. Steve seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The ZA reminded the members that all future meetings would be held at the community meeting room in the Tegu building, starting with the public forum on October 17th, which would begin at 6:30 rather than the usual 7:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Leonard, recorder

Minutes approved on: 11/7/06