

Morristown/Morrisville Planning Council
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Meeting Minutes of Tuesday 1 October 2019

Council Members Present: Steven Foster, Etienne Hancock, Joshua Goldstein, and Tom Snipp

Council Members Absent: Allen Van Anda

Guests: Dan McLaughlin, Luke Heller, Sarah Kourkoulis, Chris Callahan, and Ray Belanger Jr.

Staff: Planning Director Todd Thomas

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order in the Community Meeting Room of the Old Tegu Theatre, 43 Portland Street, at approximately 6:00 P.M.

Discuss: Site visit of new housing and improvements behind 84 Upper Main St. – The Council, sans Member Foster, attended a site walk of the new housing and related site improvements behind 84 Upper Main Street. Resident Dan McLaughlin also attended the site walk. The tour included the interior of a one-bedroom apartment and a studio apartment that was intended for short term rentals. The Council recessed this portion of the meeting and returned to the Community Meeting Room of the Town Offices for the rest of the meeting.

Discuss: Zoning for Morristown Corners Rd – Returning to the Town Offices, Ray Belanger Jr. appeared before the Council again asking for his land on the corner of Morristown Corners Road and Cadys Falls Road to be rezoned residential. The Council was disinclined by consensus to grant Mr. Belanger's request for Low Density Residential zoning at this time due to the specificity of the request, the lack of existing water and sewer infrastructure at the location, and how impactful this housing development would appear (with dense housing developed in the farm fields that separate Morristown Corners from LaPorte Rd / Route 100). Mr. Thomas mentioned that the future development of this area is specifically cited in the proposed Town Plan.

Discuss: Morristown Road Policy – The Council reviewed the requested draft letter to the Selectboard asking for a reconsideration of the 12 foot travel lanes in the new Morristown Road Policy. Luke Heller of the Village Road Crew suggested obtaining specifications for the plow blade lengths and plow wing protrusions before proceeding. Mr. Thomas said he would request this information from the Town Administrator tomorrow. The Council tabled this letter until the plow information could be reviewed.

Discuss: Town Plan – The Council reviewed the draft land use chapter of the new Town plan that Mr. Thomas was asked to prepare for this meeting. The Council was pleased with the draft chapter. Mr. Thomas was told to be sure that support for Clark Park and Oxbow Riverfront Park were added to the plan. He said that support would appear in the Recreation Chapter. Upon a question from Mr. Heller, it was decided that support for a new garage for the village Road Crew, constructed on the parcel that the Town recently

purchased on Old Creamery Road, would be added to the Utility & Facility Chapter. It was also decided that a new draft of the education chapter would be reviewed at the next Council meeting.

Prior meeting minutes – Member Goldstein moved to approve the May 7th meeting minutes. The motion was affirmed by a vote of 3-0-1 with Member Foster abstaining. Member Hancock moved to approve the May 21st meeting minutes. The motion was affirmed by a vote of 3-0-1 with Member Foster abstaining. Member Foster moved to approve the September 17th meeting minutes. The motion was affirmed by a vote of 3-0-1 with Member Hancock abstaining.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM, submitted by Todd Thomas, Planning Director