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Minutes of September 21, 2010

Members Present: Bill Henchey, Paul Griswold, Max Paine, Reeves Larson, Lauren Traister & Andrew Volansky.

Members Absent: John Meyer

Staff: Todd Thomas (ZA)

Guests: Public hearing sign-in sheet attached

Call to Order – Chair Henchey called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Presentation: “Youth Views on Morrisville” by Nate Willey & Dan Shackett – The Commission viewed a PowerPoint presentation by high school students Nate Willey and Dan Shackett entitled “Youth Views on Morrisville.” The presentation highlighted the results of a questionnaire completed by high school students. Notable findings in the questionnaire included a youth desire for a swimming pool, a bowling alley, more community gatherings and the rehabilitation of vacant property in the downtown. Chair Henchey suggested sending Nate and Dan the questionnaire that went out with the most recent Town Plan update in order to elicit more youth feedback for the next plan update. ZA Thomas said he would make the necessary arrangements.

Discussion: Selectboard packages for proposed zoning changes – ZA Thomas noted that he emailed PDFs of the zoning packages that would be used by the Selectboard at the upcoming October 18th zoning hearing.

Discussion: Sewer Ordinance and associated Selectboard letter – ZA Thomas distributed a letter addressed to the Planning Commission stating the Selectboard’s intent regarding future extensions of the Sewer Service Market Area and corresponding map within the new Wastewater Ordinance. After a lengthy discussion, the Commission decided that the letter was insufficient, and decided that the Wastewater Ordinance should be revised. Upon a motion made by Member Volansky, the Commission requested that the language “upon approval of the Town, which includes but is not limited to the Planning Commission, Conservation Commission, etc” be added to §7c and §8 in Article 4 of the Wastewater Ordinance, in order for the Planning Commission to not contact the District Commission. The motion was affirmed by a vote of 6-0. ZA Thomas said that he would meet with Dan Lindley and Craig Myotte as soon as possible to request the changes.

Discussion: Restaurant and Drive-In Restaurant or Refreshment Stand – The Commission reviewed the results of a study undertaken by ZA Thomas that located where the following zoning uses were allowed: Restaurant, Drive-In Restaurant or Refreshment Stand and Accessory Retail and Food Uses. The Commission decided to think about where these uses might be added. The Commission asked ZA Thomas to place this item at the top of the next agenda. ZA Thomas reminded the Commission that the currently proposed zoning changes, with the definition clarification for Restaurant, made the McDonald's in the COM zoning district non-conforming and that the Selectboard wanted this unintended consequence corrected as soon as possible.

Discussion: Farmer's Market sign review and approval – ZA Thomas said that a sign request for the Farmers' Market in the Copley parking lot was received into the zoning office, and that under 10 VSA §494, Planning Commission approval for it was required. The Commission reviewed its proposed design and location. Chair Henchey suggested pluralizing the word "Wednesday" on the sign. The Commission had no other comments on the proposed sign. ZA Thomas said that he would seek final local approval for it at the October 4th Selectboard meeting.

Approve Prior Meeting Minutes – Upon a motion by Member Traister, the minutes of the September 7, 2010 meeting were accepted as presented. The motion was affirmed by a vote of 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Todd Thomas, ZA