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Minutes of September 21, 2004

Members Present: Richard Duda, John Meyer, Bruce Tomlinson, Bill Henchy, Sam Guy, Kelly Rogers

Members Absent: none

Guests: Andrew Volansky, Scott Corse (Morrisville Water & Light Dept), Mike Miller, Dave Pelletier and Bill Rossmassler (LCPC), Joe Segale (Resource Systems Group), and Sharon Murray (Burnt Rock Associates)

Recorder: Mark Leonard, Zoning Administrator (ZA)

Sam called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. Dave Pelletier, LCPC Transportation planner, introduced Joe Segale and Sharon Murray, who have been conducting a review of Vermont Route 100 traffic issues in the area from Waterbury to Morrisville to produce an Access Management Plan. Joe gave a presentation on the study's draft findings and recommendations. The plan offers recommendations for planners in the affected towns to use when revising their town plans and zoning bylaws so that access management issues are properly addressed. Among the recommendations are: consider waiving driveway setback requirements to allow for shared access/driveways for adjoining lots, establishing access review standards for conditional uses and site plan reviews, consider adopting the state's access management standards and guidelines for town roads, and reviewing the Planning Commission's role in updating the current town road policy.

Mike Miller of LCPC explained that he is working under a contract with the town to review existing zoning bylaws as they apply along the VT Route 100 corridor and offer recommendations on possible changes based on the Access Management Plan. The plan highlighted the need to develop an official town map for planning purposes. Mike will be working with the ZA to lay out an agenda and schedule for this project over the coming months.

The Commission's report to the Select Board and Village Trustees on recommendations for Town Sewer Service Areas (TSSAs) was reviewed and approved. It will be presented to both groups at a joint meeting on September 27, 2004. Members reiterated their belief that presentation and discussion of the proposal would require maximum public input in order to ensure that it reflects the desires of the community as a whole, not just specific interest groups.

Andrew Volansky met with the Commissioners to discuss his interest in joining the Commission. Following this discussion, Andrew excused himself so that the members could consider his application. On a motion by Bruce, seconded by Kelly, the members voted unanimously to recommend his appointment by the Select Board.

The ZA advised the members on upcoming training seminars on topics that might interest them. The town will pay for any members who wish to attend. He also advised that there is a need for an alternate DRB member over the next few months while one of the primary members attends a class.

Minutes of the September 7, 2004 meeting were approved on a motion by Bill, seconded by John.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Leonard, recorder

Minutes approved on: BH/JM 10/19/04