



MORRISTOWN/MORRISVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 1 , 1998

Members Present: Rich Furlong, Julie Compagna, Dan Demars
George Robson

Members Absent: Sam Guy, Pat McCulloch

Guests: Ken Sweetser, Paul Trudell, Jane Greene, Jack Peduzzi,
Deedee West

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Rich Furlong, Chairman in the Town Offices.

Jack Peduzzi of Lamoille Housing Partnership came before the Board to present ideas regarding affordable housing above the Ben Franklin store, should that site be chosen for the future post office, as well as to explain their interest in acquiring the "Drown" building, under a historic preservation proposal. In order to acquire funding, the Housing Partnership would need support from the Town in going after historic preservation grants, and possibly matching funds. Jack Peduzzi has spoken with Barb Farr who indicated grants are also available for downtown revitalization.

Deedee West expressed how critical the corner where the "Drown" building is located, is to the overall impression of downtown.

Paul Trudell gave a presentation on his tree grant study.

The minutes of the August 4, 1998 meeting were reviewed. Dan made a motion to accept the minutes as written. George seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Ken provided minutes of the recent by-pass meeting. The next by-pass meeting will be held on October 1st, at 7:00pm.

Ken presented copies of two grant proposals he is pursuing for sidewalks on the North end of town as well as sidewalks to the Catholic school.

Ken to also pursue grants for erosion problems at North end of town.

Ken warned the next by-law amendment hearing would be before the Trustees and the Selectboard on September 21, at 5:00 and 6:00 pm.

Ken gave update on post office status.

Ken proposed applying for a municipal planning grant to use funds to hire grant writer for further downtown revitalization implementation grants. The Planning Commission decided to initiate this process.

A general discussion was held on regenerating/reactivating communication with the "Take Charge" civic groups. More discussion to follow.

Ken advised that "Sprawl" will be reviewing Morristown and providing a final report to the town.

Rich asked that if anyone expects to be absent from scheduled meetings/hearings please contact him or Ken Sweetser.

George made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20pm, Dan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Julia J. Compagna