

Morristown/Morrisville Planning Commission
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Meeting Minutes of August 27, 2013

Planning Commission Members Present: Andrea Caldwell, Paul Griswold (Chair), Etienne Hancock, Max Paine, Tom Snipp & Mark Struhsacker.

Planning Commission Members Absent: None

Staff: Todd Thomas, Zoning Administrator & Planner

Guests: Selectboard Member Bob Beeman

Call to Order: The public hearing was called to order at approximately 7:00 P.M.

Approve prior meeting minutes – Member Paine moved to approve the August 13 meeting minutes. A vote of 4-0-2 affirmed the motion, with Members Hancock & Snipp abstaining.

Discussion: Trombley Hill Water Park Zone – Zoning Administrator Thomas lead the Board through the proposed zoning for the village water tank parcel, which he named the Innovation Zone. Member Hancock asked Mr. Thomas to provide a list of businesses that may be interested in purchasing property in this zone for the next meeting. Mr. Thomas said that he could do that. Mr. Thomas went through the proposed use allowances in the zone with the Commission. The Commission chose to move all of the uses to Permitted instead of Conditional. The Commission also decided to eliminate certain uses from the proposed zone like Storage Yard and Salvage Depot that they believed did not live up to the full potential of the land. The Commission then went through the list of defined uses contained in the definitions section of the Bylaws to ensure that all desired uses were included in the new Innovation Zone. The Commission then discussed some of the specifics in the proposed zone, including a vegetated buffer along Center Road & Trombley Hill Road and pedestrian facilities, both of which were requested by abutting residents during the public hearing and informational hearing about developing the Village's water tank parcel. The Commission decided that it may be fruitful to conduct a site walk of the property before making such site-specific requirements for the proposed zone. A site walk was scheduled for September 3rd at 6:30PM.

Discussion: Support for constructing a pavilion at the Oxbow – Zoning Administrator Thomas said that he drafted a letter upon the request of Community Development Coordinator Tricia Follert expressing support for the sourcing of grant funds to construct a music pavilion at Oxbow Park. Chair Griswold said he was unsure that supporting such a request was the job of the Commission. Chair Griswold added that he would like to see more specifics given about the proposed pavilion before supporting it, such as size and location for flood zone purposes. Member Struhsacker said that he thought supporting the music series was a good thing. The Commission decided that a simplified letter would be more appropriate that just expressed support for active and recreation uses at Oxbow Park. Mr. Thomas said that he would draft such a letter if desired by Ms. Follert.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 PM – submitted by Todd Thomas, ZA