

Morristown/Morrisville Planning Council
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Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2014

Planning Council Present: Paul Griswold (Chair), Etienne Hancock, Yvette Mason (who arrived during the zoning update discussion), Tom Snipp & Mark Struhsacker.

Planning Council Absent: Andrea Caldwell & Max Paine

Staff: Planning Director Todd Thomas

Guests: Kevin Petrochko, Tyler Hirschak & Terry Owens

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order in the Community Meeting Room of the Tegu Building on 43 Portland Street at approximately 7:00 P.M.

Approve prior meeting minutes – Member Snipp moved to approve the August 5, 2014 meeting minutes. The motion was affirmed by a vote of 4-0.

Discussion: §638 Stormwater zoning change proposal – Mr. Thomas explained to the Council and that he had been having discussions regarding stormwater with Jim Pease of the Conservation Commission. Mr. Thomas, as a result of these conversations, presented the Council with an amended zoning bylaw regarding stormwater. As during the previous Planning Council discussion, Mr. Thomas suggested separating and infiltrating the roof runoff of the entire storm event – not just the first 0.4 inches (which is required now and takes drainage calculations to parse). He added that driveways, parking areas and other impervious surfaces would not be regulated by this proposal. Mr. Thomas also proposed a 10,000 square foot impervious surface trigger for local stormwater regulation under §500 Site Plan Review. Mr. Thomas also said that the proposed regulation would only apply to business uses and multi-family dwelling unit uses of this size, which would in effect exempt single-family and two-family uses, regardless of roof size, from this regulation. The Planning Commission decided to hold off on changing the §638 stormwater bylaw until Mr. Pease met with the Planning Council on September 23.

Discussion: Proposed Fall zoning changes – Mr. Thomas proposed the following zoning changes to the Council for Fall of 2014:

- a. §215 strike existing Business Enterprise Zone, replace with new version of zone
- b. §490 strike existing Exterior Lighting Bylaw, replace with new version of bylaw
- c. §503 add stormwater treatment section to existing “Additional Conditions” section of the Site Development Plan Review Bylaw
- d. §638 strike existing Stormwater Treatment Bylaw designed for Conditional Uses
- e. Article 9, add Definition for “Water Quality Storm”
- f. §1140 add parcel 12-156 to the Airport Zone

The Planning Council made no changes to the proposed zoning bylaw update, other than the aforementioned decision to hold off on changing the §638 stormwater bylaw until Mr. Pease met with the Planning Council on September 23.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM – submitted by Todd Thomas, Planning Director