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Meeting Minutes of August 16, 2016

Planning Council Members Present: Andrea Beeman, Etienne Hancock, Max Paine & Mark Struhsacker

Planning Council Members Absent: Paul Griswold (Chair), Yvette Mason & Tom Snipp

Staff: Planning Director Todd Thomas

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order in the Community meeting Room of the Town Offices at 43 Portland Street at approximately 7:00 P.M. It was decided due to the small Board attendance that agenda items other than the Town Plan hearing would be tabled until the September 20th meeting. Mr. Thomas noted that he is at a conference in New Hampshire on September 6th so that Council meeting would be cancelled. Regarding the tabled agenda items, Member Hancock said that he would like hear on the 20th what the Town can already legally do to cajole better management from apartment complexes in the village. Planning Director Thomas said he would share the State's Rental Housing Code Checklist with the Council at the September 20th meeting. Mr. Thomas said that he can currently use the rental code to proactively regulate apartment buildings via his role as Town Health Officer, but his current role is only reactionary.

Hearing: Proposed Town Plan changes for Downtown Designation – Mr. Thomas opened the public hearing by reading the proposed paragraph being added to the Town Plan that is required for Morrisville's designated downtown renewal. Mr. Thomas said that he sent the Legislative Bodies this same language on July 1st lauding the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development and its downtown program. Member Hancock moved to approve the Town Plan changes as presented. Mr. Thomas said that he would affirm as such and that the Legislative Body hearings on this Town Plan were scheduled for August 29th and September 12th.

Approve prior meeting minutes – Member Struhsacker moved to approve the August 2, 2016 meeting minutes. A vote of 4-0 affirmed the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM – submitted by Todd Thomas, Planning Director