MORRISTOWN PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 15, 2000

Members Present: Julie Compagna(JC), Stephen Jennings(SJ), Bill Henchey(BH), Kelly Rogers(KR), Sam Guy(SG), George Robson(GR)

Members Absent: Bruce Tomlinson

Guests: Ken Sweetser

Chairman SJ opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

First Order of Business:
Ken Sweetser gave an update on current issues relevant to the Planning Commission:

A) On August 28, 2000 at 7:00 PM there will be a Recreation Trails Committee meeting regarding the conversion of the rail corridor to recreational trails. A speaker from VAST will be encouraging local support for the project. Commission members are encouraged to attend.
B) The four volunteer groups (Downtown, Recreation, Arts & Conservation) will be meeting on August 18, 2000 at 1:00 PM to discuss and develop a Request For Proposal for a group coordinator to be overseen by the Planning Commission.
C) The Commission is encouraged to attend the August 21, 2000 Selectboard meeting. The Selectboard wishes to discuss issues with the DRB and Police Department regarding entertainment at downtown establishments.
D) On August 29, 2000 the Commission will meet with Ken Sweetser and Rob Nesbitt of LCPC with regard to available planning grant money and possible projects.
E) There will be no Commission meeting on September 5, 2000. The next Commission meeting will be on September 12, 2000.

Second Order of Business:
JC informed the Commission of her resignation as she has accepted the position of Town Administrator. She will attempt to recruit a replacement.

Third Order of Business:
The Commission discussed the possibility of pursuing planning grant funding for one of the following projects:
1) Stormwater study – North End of Morristown.
2) Sewer line mapping/inventory
3) Recreation paths

GR moved and BH seconded a motion to send a letter of inquiry to Scott Corse regarding Water & Light's interest in updating water/sewer line information.

All were in favor. Ken Sweetser to send letter.

Fourth Order of Business:
Ken Sweetser gave an update on the Orton Foundation. They are interested in returning to Morristown to visit the people and places featured in the video, and to follow up with the Commission. A date is yet to be determined.

Fifth Order of Business:
Ken Sweetser gave an update of upcoming training sessions:
Town Fair – Killington Resort, September 28, 2000
Health Officer Training – Berlin, September
Lincoln Institute – Nothing available at this time.

Sixth Order of Business:
The Commission reviewed the minutes of August 1, 2000.
GR moved and SG seconded a motion to approve the minutes as written.
All were in favor.

The Commission reviewed and discussed the minutes of the Recreation Trails Committee and the Conservation Commission. No action was required.

Seventh Order of Business:
The Commission discussed the results of the Sidewalk Sales and Downtown Celebration. The Commission felt it was an overall success and could be built upon in future years. No action was required.

GR moved and KR seconded a motion to adjourn.
All were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julia J. Compagna
Secretary