

MORRISTOWN/MORRISVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION
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Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2012

Present: Paul Griswold, John Meyer, Max Paine, Tom Snipp & Mark Struhsacker

Members Absent: Reeves Larson

Staff: Todd Thomas, Zoning Administrator & Planner

Guests: Resident Etienne Hancock of George Street

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 PM.

Approve prior meeting minutes – Approval of the July 10, 2012 meeting minutes was tabled until the four members present at that meeting were all in attendance.

Discussion: Fire Department request for knox boxes– The commission discussed the fire department's presentation at its July 24th meeting regarding the request to have the zoning bylaws require that knox boxes be installed on new commercial buildings. Mr. Thomas informed the commission members that were not present at this meeting about the informal discussion that took place regarding the request. Mr. Thomas added that he worked with assistant fire chief Don Hill to successfully request that knox boxes be required by the DRB as part of the tractor supply hearing. The commission members were pleased that the applicant installed a knox box with this project, but agreed that a specific product shouldn't be mandated by the Town's zoning bylaws.

Discussion: Transportation chapter of the Town Plan– Mr. Thomas distributed the revised transportation chapter of the Town Plan. The commission reviewed the revised chapter and made specific changes thereto. Member Griswold requested that a metric be added to the local road policy section of the chapter that gives the Selectboard greater discretion in accepting very long roads with only a few houses thereon. Member Paine asked about the average cost to maintain a mile of roadway. Mr. Thomas said he asked the Town Administrator this question, but was yet to hear back. Member Meyer requested that a sentence be added to the local road policies section of the chapter to ensure that the burden of any street acceptance changes were not be placed on subdivisions already under development. Member Meyer also asked that a sentence be added to the chapter expressing support for shared parking. Mr. Thomas asked for clarification on the support expressed for a runway extension at the airport. The members specified that a runway extension to 4,000 linear feet would be strongly supported. The commission made various wording changes to the recommendations section of the chapter and agreed that the as-revised chapter was ready for a public hearing.

Discussion: Town Plan update schedule - The commission decided to discuss the land use and housing chapters of the town plan at its August 21st meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Todd Thomas, ZA