MORRISTOWN/MORRISVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 16, 1996

Members Present: Bill Bourne, Rich Furlong, Jane Greene, Pat McCullock, Norm Nepveu and George Robson.

Members Absent: Sam Guy

Guests: Wayne Camley, Barbara Farr and Ken Sweetser

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Bill Bourne, Chairman.

Wayne Camley, Morristown Fire Chief, made the Planning Commission members aware of the following impediments to fire fighting within the Village Central Business District:

- Overhead wires are a safety problem when using the 85' ladder because of the distance back from the building that the base of the ladder must be placed.

- Water volume and pressure needs to be improved at most hydrants for more effective water delivery.

- Street width, especially in the winter, has created traffic problems in the past.

At 7:15 p.m., Barbara Farr, LCPC Executive Director, initiated a discussion of the upcoming grant requests for Downtown Revitalization and Sustainable Growth. She distributed the Letter of Intent which was submitted to the Vermont Community Development Program (VCDP) office on June 17, 1996. She recommended that we change our time line and submit for a Cycle II request which would be due on October 22, 1996. All Planning Commission members present agreed with the Cycle II idea.

A public hearing has been warned for August 1, 1996 at 7:00 p.m., Municipal Conference Room, to gather remarks from all interested parties concerning this request for planning funds.

Barbara also advised the Planning Commission that the Village By-Pass has been moved to the #1 priority for Lamoille County by the State Department of Transportation. It still will be several years before any construction will begin.

Septic problems in the north end were discussed, and it was agreed that sewerage line expansion to this area was badly needed.

At 7:52 p.m., Ken Sweetser, Zoning Administrator, presented the latest draft of the job description for Zoning Administrator. This was discussed and some recommended changes were suggested. A motion was approved to have Bill Bourne present all recommended changes to the Selectboard.

The letter of July 10, 1996 from Brian Greenia, Selectboard Chair, sent to Gary Nolan, DRB Chair, was discussed. The following items summarize the results of this discussion:

. Planning Commission changes Bylaws not the DRB.

. Current guidelines cannot be changed without due process.

. This is clearly a Village issue not a Town issue, and therefore should be handled by the Village Trustees.

. We are in the process of applying for Downtown Revitalization funding, and this issue should be addressed as part of that process.

A motion was approved to have Bill Bourne present the results of the above discussion to Gary Nolan and Brian Greenia.

Ken also briefly discussed some other items from his report of July 16, 1996 to the Planning Commission:

. New WAPA map has been developed and the required adjustments will be made to Town maps by LCPC at no cost.

. The Lincoln Land Institute will be presenting six training sessions via Vermont Interactive TV beginning this fall. A draft schedule was given to all in attendance.

At 8:48 p.m., the minutes of July 2, 1996 were reviewed. The following additions to the minutes were approved:

. On the last page, the underline word <u>Use</u> should be followed by <u>Bylaws</u>.

. On the last item of the last page, the word "application" should be followed by "form".

Since February 20, 1996, the Planning Commission has been attempting to review and update Bylaws. The process has been continuously disrupted by a myriad of other items entered onto the agenda. As a result of this situation, nine (9) two-hour meetings have resulted in two (2) pages of changes to the Bylaws. At this rate of progress, it will be the year 2016 before the Planning Commission can complete this task. We, therefore, are scheduling the second Tuesday of the month for all items not related to the Bylaw review process. The first and third Tuesdays will be dedicated only to the task of reviewing and updating Bylaws.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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