

MORRISTOWN/MORRISVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 15, 1997



Members Present: Rich Furlong, Jane Greene,
Sam Guy, Pat McCulloch, and George Robson.

Members Absent: Dan Demars

Guests: None



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

The Planning Commission meeting minutes of July 1, 1997 were reviewed and approved as written.

After some discussion of Section 320. Flood Hazard Areas, the Commission decided to table any further discussion until the latest flood maps are printed. At that time the Commission will probably ask for a 1:5000 scale flood map of the town and village to be made.

The Planning Commission members discussed Section 340. Environmental Protection Areas (EPA) and used the "Town Natural Resources Map" and the "State Significant Habitat Map" to determine just where the protected areas are located. As a result of this review, the following definitions need to be included in both the Town and the Village bylaws:

Buffer Zone - the area contiguous with a significant wetland which serves to protect those values and functions sought to be preserved by its designation.

Contiguous shall mean sharing a boundary or touching and shall include situations where the water level of the wetland is directly influenced by the water level of the adjacent waterbody or wetland and where a man-made structure (e.g. roadway) divides a wetland, if surface water is able to flow over, under or through that structure.

Wetlands shall mean those areas of the state that are inundated by surface or ground water with a frequency sufficient to support significant vegetation or aquatic life that depend on saturated or seasonally saturated soil conditions for growth and reproduction. Such areas include but are not limited to marshes, swamps, sloughs, potholes, fens, river and lake overflows, mud flats, bogs, and ponds, but excluding such areas that grow food or crops in connection with farming activities.

After some additional discussion of Section 300. Wellhead Protection Areas (WHPA), the Commission agreed that there was no longer a need to differentiate between Class I and Class II Zones.

For the next scheduled meeting on August 5, 1997, George Robson will attempt to have a state level representative give a presentation on Wellhead Protection Areas to the Planning Commission and any other interested people.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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