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Minutes of June 18, 2002

Members Present: Sam Guy, Bruce Tomlinson, Bill Henchey, Kelly Rogers

Members Absent: Kevin Lane, Bill Bourne, Julia Compagna

Recorder: Mark Leonard, Zoning Administrator

Guests: Mike Miller (LCPC Planner), Danielle Thompson (CCV Coordinator)

Sam Guy called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. Minutes of the Planning Commission meetings of May 7 and May 21 were reviewed and approved.

Mike Miller presented drafts of the Energy, Natural Resources, and Scenic & Historic Resources sections for the revised Town Plan.

The topic for this evening's Town Plan review is Education. Due to conflicting activities, no one from the Lamoille South Supervisory Union, any of the Morristown schools, or the Morristown School Board was present. The Director of the supervisory union sent a letter expressing their desire to participate in the preparation of the Education section and requesting the opportunity to do so in the next month or so. The Planning Commission will reschedule a hearing on Education for August 6 and all interested parties will be notified of this hearing.

Danielle Thompson from the Morrisville CCV office described their programs. She said CCV was partnering with Green Mountain Technology and Career Center and also offering some alternative high school classes. They are working with various service agencies (Copley, etc) to broaden their course offerings in response to local needs. They are also offering more classes on-line, which reduces their on-site enrollment but has maintained or increased the total enrollment. She said the majority of their students were in the 25-40 age group, but that they had quite a few post-high school students enrolled. Most students are from Morristown, with a number attending from surrounding towns. Their present facility on Harrel Street meets their current and anticipated needs.

The Zoning Administrator reminded the members that the Select Board and Village Trustees would jointly hold a warned hearing on June 24 to consider the Planning Commission's proposed bylaw amendments. Sam indicated he would attend that meeting.

The Zoning Administrator noted a discrepancy in the bylaws regarding height restrictions. In all residential zoning districts except the Rural Residential with Agriculture (RRA), any structure exceeding 35 feet in height is a Conditional Use. No such restriction is listed in the RRA. As no zoning permit is required for farm structures (e.g., silos), there did not seem to be a valid reason for not having the same conditional use requirement in the RRA. This should be addressed in the next bylaw amendment.

The next meeting will be on July 2, 2002 at the Water & Light Department building, addressing the Economy section of the town plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.