

Morristown/Morrisville Planning Council
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Meeting Minutes of May 27, 2014

Planning Council Present: Paul Griswold (Chair), Yvette Mason, Max Paine, Tom Snipp, Andrea Caldwell & Mark Struhsacker.

Planning Council Absent: Etienne Hancock

Staff: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator

Guests:

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:00 P.M.

Discussion: Capital Budget Discussion w/ Lamoille South School Board – With Town Administrator Dan Lindley present, Chair Griswold spoke about the impact of having Todd Thomas as our Planning Director. The growth in the community over the past two years has been at a steady incline with new businesses and new housing coming into the Town. More growth means more services which leads to more capital being a necessity. Mr. Griswold stated that the Planning Council met with the Town Selectboard regarding working with them on their capital budget plan and the Selectboard seemed open to the idea but have not made any decisions yet. Chair Griswold felt the Planning Council may be able to help educate residents regarding capital improvements such as the what, why & where they are needed so that when it comes time to vote our residents know exactly what they are voting on and why. He felt that by educating the public on capital improvements may help get more bonds passed. The school board seemed receptive to the idea of working with the Planning Commission to develop a capital budget plan and asked to see a draft plan. Tracy Wrend also asked if she could be put on a future Planning Council agenda to talk about how education funding & taxes work so that the Planning Council could use the knowledge to further educate residents of the Town.