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MORRISTOWN/MORRISVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 19, 1998

Members Present: Rich Furlong, George Robson, Dan Demars, Julie Compagna

Members Absent: Sam Guy, Pat McCullock

Guests: Tom Bjerke, Ken Sweetser

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Rich Furlong, Chairman.

Dan made a motion to approve the minutes of May 5, 1998 as written.
George seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Ken reported on the zoning impact of the "Bianchi" bill. Tom Bjerke asked if it applied to Energy Efficiency standards in new construction. Ken indicated that a certificate of compliance must now be obtained and recorded with the deed in the land records.

Ken made a suggestion that the technologies/telecommunications section of the proposed bylaws be removed so the remaining bylaws may be passed as permanent. Interim zoning can be passed later. Ken mentioned a possibility that LEDC may not be interested in the BOP site and this would prevent the site from being used for alternative purposes.

George agreed that there were plenty of spaces for other kinds of development, but not many for BOP. This action would buy the planning commission some breathing room to continue the process.

Ken will prepare the plan for review at the next meeting, then take action for Selectboard to adopt it.

George made a motion that Ken put into action a plan for interim zoning.
Julie seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Ken presented updates to the bylaws definitions.

Ken gave an update on the Post Office. According to Sonny Demars, the PO would eventually like to add 2,000 to 3,000 square feet, as well as 20 additional parking spaces.

Sonny Demars would like to accomplish this without destroying apartment house behind PO. Sonny Demars would also like to acquire an additional odd section of land to square up the parking area.

George suggested inviting the PO block property owners to a meeting with the planning commission to discuss development of this area. Ken to issue invitations for June 2nd – site walk 7:00 p.m. – meeting to follow.

Tom Bjerke asked if there was going to be no drive-through to Union Street, why re-zone Union Street. George explained that Union Street would not be re-zoned, but measuring from the centerline of Main Street back 250 feet would incorporate some properties into the business district if other criteria were met.

George suggested forwarding the non-planning issues raised at the March 17th public hearing to the appropriate departments. Ken to draft issues and forward.

George made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.
Dan seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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