MORRISTOWN/MORRISVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION
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Meeting Minutes of May 15, 2012

Members Present: Paul Griswold, Reeves Larson, John Meyer, Max Paine, Tom Snipp & Mark Struhsacker
Members Absent: Lauren Traister
Staff: Todd Thomas, Zoning Administrator & Planner
Guests: Steve Rae, Ed Debor and Seth Jensen from LCPC

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 PM.

Approve prior meeting minutes – Member Paine moved to approve the May 1, 2012 meeting minutes. A vote of 4-0-2 affirmed the motion, with Member Meyer and Member Snipp abstaining. The March 6, 2012 meeting minutes were tabled due to quorum issues.

Discussion: LCPC Town Plan Consultation – LCPC's senior planner, Seth Jensen, appeared before the Commission and provided a consultation regarding the Morrisville/Morristown Town Plan 2008-2013. He said that the existing plan was relatively compliant with current state statute requirements and that not many changes would be needed before re-adoption. Mr. Jensen led the Board through his findings regarding compliance with statutes. He said the Board needed to update its land use map, which should be less specific than the existing zoning map. Mr. Jensen noted that the plan's major area of noncompliance was its failure to address air quality. He added that Lamoille County experiences the second highest number of bad air days in Vermont. Member Griswold questioned this statistic and Mr. Jensen said he would supply corroborating information to the Board in the following weeks. Mr. Jensen also suggested adding language addressing the adequacy of the existing recreation facilities. Commission Members thanked Mr. Jensen for his input. ZA Thomas said he would incorporate Mr. Jensen's feedback into the Town Plan chapters as he updates them.

Discussion: Town Plan Utility & Facility Chapter – The Board reviewed ZA Thomas' revisions to the existing Utility & Facility chapter of the Town Plan. The Commissioners reviewed the proposed changes and instructed further revisions thereto. The Board discussed the references to the Sewer Service Management Area at great length and ultimately tabled that conversation until the next meeting. ZA Thomas was instructed to add language regarding the following into the chapter: cemeteries, the new downtown wifi and the development of ridgelines for wind power.

Discussion: Town Plan update schedule – The Commission decided that the Energy Plan should be the next section of the Town Plan that is addressed.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Todd Thomas, ZA