

**MORRISTOWN/MORRISVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION**  
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**Meeting Minutes of April 3, 2012**

**Members Present:** Paul Griswold, Reeves Larson, Max Paine & Lauren Traister

**Members Absent:** John Meyer, Tom Snipp & Mark Struhsacker

**Staff:** Todd Thomas, Zoning Administrator & Planner

**Guests:** Trisha Follert & Steve Rae

**Call to Order:** Acting Chair Reeves Larson called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Tegu Building's community meeting room.

**Approve prior meeting minutes** – The Board tabled approval of the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes until March 17<sup>th</sup> due to quorum issues.

**Discussion: Reorganization** – The Board discussed its new Members, Tom Snipp and Mark Struhsacker. The Board also discussed the appointment process and asked ZA Thomas to acquire a video copy of the respective Selectboard and Village Trustee joint meeting at the suggestion of Selectboard Member Steve Rae. With the absences of Member Meyer and the two new Planning Commission Members, the Board decided to table reorganization until the first meeting in May.

**Discussion: Input for proposed food co-op & RBEG grant** – Community Development Coordinator Trisha Follert appeared before the Board to provide an update on the MoCo food co-op group. She mentioned that she, along with ZA Thomas, applied for and received a grant for \$24,501 from the Rural Development department of USDA. She said that the grant would pay for an updated market analysis for the Town and Village, with a subset of the Village analysis being a feasibility analysis for a food co-op located in downtown Morrisville. The Commission was supportive of the efforts and discussed possible food co-op locations.

**Discussion: Revise Pond zoning for Town road-crew signoff** – ZA Thomas introduced revised §426 Pond language that required Town/Village road crew signoff on pond permits when the road was within 1,000 linear feet and upgradient to a public road. Member Griswold was uncomfortable with the proposed change because he thought it was too subjective. He said that criteria needed to be added as to what the Town/Village road crew would consider regarding qualifying ponds so the process was not arbitrary. Selectboard Member Rae expressed concern with the 1,000 linear feet measurement. He said that the measurement was too large and would subject almost every pond, except for the largest landowners, to this signoff provision. ZA Thomas said that the proposed signoff was no different than how Access Permits were currently treated. ZA Thomas acknowledged the comments and said he would remove the Pond changes from the larger zoning revision scheduled to go to a public hearing.

**Discussion: Schedule zoning hearings for approved** changes – ZA Thomas led the Board through every page of the proposed zoning changes. The Board instructed ZA Thomas to move forward with a May public hearing on the discussed changes. ZA Thomas said that he thought the first hearing would be scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Discussion: Proposed schedule for Town Plan** hearings – due to the time the evening, the Commission postponed setting a schedule to discuss the update to the Town Plan until the April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM. – respectfully submitted by Todd Thomas, ZA