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Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2012

Members Present: Paul Griswold, John Meyer, Max Paine & Lauren Traister

Members Absent: Reeves Larson, Bill Henchey (Chair) & Andrew Volansky

Staff: Todd Thomas, Zoning Administrator & Planner

Guests: None

Call to Order: Acting Chair John Meyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the upstairs meeting room.

Discussion: Family Child Care Facility & Day Care Facility uses – The Commission reviewed the matrix detailing Family Child Care Facility (FCCF) & Day Care Facility (DCF) use allowances that addressed the existing illegality in the zoning bylaws by adding FCCF to the SI & COM zones. ZA Thomas said the Commission previously agreed to add FCCF use to the IND, AB & LVGC zones because the more intensive DCF use was already allowed therein. ZA Thomas introduced Jeanette Fisher from the Vermont Department of Children & Families who discussed potential neighborhood impacts of FCCF & DCF uses on abutting properties. Ms. Fisher highlighted the differences between registered and licensed child care facilities. Ms. Fisher pointed out that Kid Stop is currently operating without issue in the COM zone and that the proposed use matrix would not allow a DCF use therein. After a brief discussion, the Commission agreed to add the DCCF use to the COM zone. The Commission further agreed that the changes in FCCF and DCF should be included in the next zoning update.

Discussion: Proposed definition for setback – ZA Thomas discussed the revised definition for Setback. He said that Member Volansky requested language regulating drip edges that extended more than three feet from the structure's footprint was added to the definition. The Commission agreed to include the new definition for setback in the next zoning update.

Discussion: Letter regarding temporary signage – The Commission discussed revised language that would exempt certain factory tent sales from the sign bylaw's existing prohibition on temporary signage. The Commissioners reviewed the language. Member Griswold asked that "quarterly" be changed to "four times per calendar year." Acting Chair Meyer asked that the word "permitted" or "local" be added to the proposed language to make it clear that the signage must be for a Morristown/Morrisville business.

Discussion: Revised Wellness Plan – ZA Thomas reminded the Commissioners that he asked them to review the draft wellness plan at the prior meeting. Acting Chair Meyer said the he was concerned that all measurable benchmarks were removed from the revised plan. Member Griswold explained that the data benchmarks in plan were for the Copley service area and were did not depict health realities in just Morristown. ZA

Thomas said the wellness plan would be looked at again during the larger Town Plan update in the coming months.

Discussion: Review “zoning change worksheet” for agenda – Upon the request of ZA Thomas, the Commission reviewed the proposed zoning changes in the “Next Zoning Update” column of the “zoning change worksheet.” ZA Thomas said that the Commission needed to turn its attention to the Town plan and that it should move forward with these already agreed upon zoning changes. The Commission decided to instruct ZA Thomas to begin the process of warning a zoning change for the proposed zoning changes.

Approve prior meeting minutes – Upon a motion made by Member Griswold, the February 21, 2012 meeting minutes were accepted. A vote of 3-0 affirmed the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM. – respectfully submitted by Todd Thomas, ZA