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Minutes of March 3, 2009

Members Present: Bill Henchey, Max Paine, Andrew Volansky, Reeves Larson, John Meyer

Members Absent: Kelly Rogers, Steve Berson,

Staff: Mark Leonard (Morristown ZA), Bill Rossmassler (LCPC Planner)

Guests: Conservation Commissioners Steve Rae & Kevin Lane, Leon Whitcomb

Chairman Bill Henchey called public meeting to order at 7:00 pm and reviewed the agenda (atch).

Steve Rae requested clarification of the language in the proposed section 346.4 regarding mitigation of primary agricultural soil (PAS) impacts. He noted that previous discussion with the Planning Commission left him with the impression that any funds paid into a conservation fund for PAS mitigation should give priority to a local fund, such as the Morristown Conservation Fund, rather than the state conservation fund. Members agreed that that was their intent and agreed to the proposed language putting the Morristown Conservation Fund ahead of any other possible recipients.

Bill R reviewed the proposed PowerPoint presentation on zoning bylaw revisions that will be given to the Select Board at the next Planning Commission meeting (March 17) and, presumably, the select Board's public hearing on the proposed changes. Several adjustments and revisions were made to the presentation. Bill h suggested having all necessary maps & supporting material available for the meeting with the Select Board.

Bill R reviewed the remaining tasks/projects on the FY 09 work list for the LCPC planning contract (see atch). He asked the PC members to identify their top three priorities for FY 10, beginning in July 2009. After some discussion, the group agreed on the following priority projects/issues: Route 100 zoning/development (to include the airport area), Town utility infrastructure plan, and the Business Enterprise District (BED), *formerly Business Office Park*, Master Plan.

Following up on the last meeting's discussion with Town Administrator (TA) Dan Lindley on developing a Capital Budget and Program (CB&P) for the Town, Bill H emphasized his opinion that, while there is a statutory role for Planning Commissions in this process, it should be the TA's primary responsibility, together with municipal department heads & community groups, to gather information and draft a proposed CB&P for the PC to review and gather further public input prior to its submission to the Select Board for ultimate adoption. Other members agreed with this approach, noting that they had neither the time, resources, or experience to take the lead on this task.

Minutes of February 3, 2009 meeting were reviewed and accepted as presented.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted:
Mark Leonard

Minutes approved on: 3/17/09