MORRISVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
February 29, 2000

Members Present: Julie Compagna(JC), Kelly Rogers(KR), Bruce Tomlinson(BT), George Robson(GR), Sam Guy(SG), Bill Henchey(BH), Stephen Jennings(SJ).

Members Absent: None

Guests: Ken Sweetser, Scott Corse.

GR called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

First Order of Business:
The Commission reviewed the meeting minutes of February 15, 2000.
SG moved and BT seconded a motion to approve the minutes as written.
All were in favor.

Second Order of Business:
Scott Corse discussed with the Commission the proposed sewer extension to the north end of town. Bid proposals are due by 3/1/00. Scott Corse clarified the scope of the project. He has talked with some of the bidders and what has come to his attention is that the project may result in a strain on the collection system.

GR inquired whether Water and Light has any plans for stormwater capacity. Scott Corse indicated that plans are in the works to remove storm drains from entering the sewer processing system.

Ken and Scott Corse discussed the actual distance of the existing system. Ken indicated he would like to get the water/sewer infrastructure information updated onto GIS.

GR indicated that economic development grant money may be available for additional planning for the extension. The next grant round will be in the Fall.

BH asked how much it would cost to inventory the existing infrastructure. Scott Corse did not know projected costs at this time, but indicated separation of stormwater would reduce volume and provide capacity for additional sewage. The system has a 400,000 gallon per day capacity. With no significant storm events, the system averages 280-290 gallons per day.

Scott Corse asked if the project study would result in estimates of increased flow from the north end extension.
Ken indicated the study would include this information.

GR stated that it would make sense to pursue grant funding under the economic factor that hooking on allows for less leach field areas required resulting in more areas available for development/expansion. The study could lead to implementation grant funding.

Ken suggested a site walk of the north end areas of concern as soon as weather permits.

The Commission agreed that Scott Corse and his engineers should review the bids and present their recommendations to the Commission on March 21, 2000. The Commission will make a decision at that time. Ken to invite Pete Fellows, LCPC GIS Planner to this meeting.

GR asked Scott Corse if there were any issues with the Downtown Group he would like to discuss with the Commission.
Scott Corse indicated the group had gotten off to a good start, and were actively pursuing their first project.

Third Order of Business:
Ken Sweetser gave an update on the pending grant extension agreement with Paul Markowitz. Paul Markowitz has not gotten back to Ken to finalize the agreement. Ken requested that GR contact Paul Markowitz.

Fourth Order of Business:
JC suggested sending a letter to organizers of the "Party For the People" suggesting that the next event be contained within the school gym, and offering Commission assistance/support in the planning and promotion of the event. The Commission agreed to this suggestion. JC to draft and send letter.

Fifth Order of Business:
Ken Sweetser explained the volunteer group informational display, which will be set up at Town Meeting. GR suggested having a sign up sheet on hand for interested people. Ken to arrange sign up sheet.

Sixth Order of Business:
Ken Sweetser indicated he has requested training information from the Lincoln Land Institute. Monies are available for Commission members to participate in training as well as for the purchase of planning periodicals and publications.

Seventh Order of Business:
Ken Sweetser gave an update on the Downtown meeting he attended 2/28/00. Marketing strategies for downtowns were discussed.

Eighth Order of Business:
Ken Sweetser informed the Commission of the 3/20/00 5:30 PM meeting with Joss Besse on Downtown Designations. This will be a joint meeting of all the Boards. LHP has agreed to handle the application package.

Ninth Order of Business:
Ken Sweetser informed the Commission that the Town had been awarded a "Millenium Tree" grant. He was also informed there may be additional tree planting money available to the Town.

Tenth Order of Business:
Ken Sweetser gave an update on the proposed community bulletin board and village green being discussed by the town and Union Bank.

Eleventh Order of Business:
The Commission discussed the next round of Champlain Basin grants due at the end of March. It was decided there would not be enough time to complete the sewer extension study to meet this deadline. Ken Sweetser indicated he has received several grant funding periodicals which include online addresses for funding sites.

Twelfth Order of Business:
Ken Sweetser gave an update on the status of the four volunteer groups and provided their meeting schedules.

Thirteenth Order of Business:
GR suggested inviting LCPC's new Executive Director to the 4/4/00 Commission meeting. Ken to extend invitation.

Fourteenth Order of Business:
Ken gave an update on the Brooklyn Street sidewalk extension. The Selectboard had applied for funding. The status is "pending."

Fifteenth Order of Business:
Ken Sweetser indicated that WCAX will be featuring the Morristown video on "Across the Fence" to be aired July 6, 2000.

SG moved and BH seconded a motion to adjourn.
All were in favor.
The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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