

MORRISTOWN/MORRISVILLE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD
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Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2013

Members Present: Karyn Allen, Gary Nolan (Chair), Ron Stancliff, Paul Trudell & Jean Wickart

Members Absent: Theresa Breault, Brian Irwin & Chris Wiltshire

Staff: Todd Thomas, Zoning Administrator & Planner

Guests: Bryan Hill of Hyde Park, Bob Boivin of Johnson, Ed Wilson, Max Paine, Marci Young, Roy Marble and Geoff Jackson of Morristown.

Call to Order & Minutes: Chair Nolan called the meeting to order at 6:38 P.M. Member Stancliff moved to approve the January 10, 2013 meeting minutes as presented. A vote of 4-0-1 affirmed the motion, with Member Wickart abstaining.

WARNED HEARING: At Last Properties LLC, 249 Professional Dr., §500 SP & §630 CU

Under §210 Commercial Zone / §230 Industrial Zone, §500 Site Development & §630 Conditional Use, applicant Lamoille Valley Fish & Game Club Inc. appeared before the Board seeking approval to conduct its annual gun sale on April 6th and 7th in existing warehouse space on the property of At Last Properties LLC at 249 Professional Drive on parcel 20-001. Roy Marble of the Lamoille Valley Fish and Game Club Inc. presented the request for the gun show along with property owner Geoff Jackson of At Last Properties LLC. Mr. Marble noted that the gun show had historically taken place at People's Academy gym, but is now being proposed at Mr. Jackson's property. Mr. Marble said that the parking capacity of the new site is double that of the school. Mr. Marble also added that Police Chief Keith is okay with the proposed show location, as is neighboring property owner Garret Hirschak, who offered the use of his parking. Mr. Marble said that the gun show would be from 9 AM to 5 PM on Saturday and from 9 AM to 3 PM on Sunday. Member Stancliff asked about the parking surface at the proposed location. Mr. Marble said that the parking surface is gravel and that he will be outside directing traffic. Member Trudell asked about the number of cars expected. Mr. Marble said that about 1,000 cars are expected, but with about 600 cars maximum at any one time. Mr. Marble added that the Morristown Police Department offered to help wave traffic through the intersection of Brooklyn Street and Professional Drive if needed. Member Trudell asked about gun regulations. Mr. Marble said that all firearms sold will have a background check completed first. Member Nolan asked if all dealers will be licensed. Mr. Marble said that almost all of the dealers present will be licensed. Member Stancliff moved to accept the application, provided that there be traffic control at all times at the intersection of Professional Drive and Brooklyn Street on Saturday and as needed on Sunday. Zoning Administrator Thomas read a letter into the record from abutter Jane Anderson of Wilkins Street who is opposed to the gun show. Mr. Thomas also read an unsigned email that was supportive of the new gun show location. Resident Marci Young thanked the Fish and Game Club for moving the location of the gun show from the school. A vote of 5-0 affirmed the motion.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Todd Thomas, ZA