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**MORRISTOWN
PLANNING COMMISSION
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**Minutes of February 5, 2008
Tegu Building, Morrisville
Approved on: 02/19/08**

P.C. Members Present: Andrew Volansky; Bill Henchey, Chair; Kelly Rogers; John Meyer
Absent: Steve Berson; Lauren Traister; Richard Duda

Also Attending: Mark Leonard; Heidi Krantz; Bill Rossmassler; Craig Myotte;

Recorder: Chip Sawyer, LCPC

Bill Henchey opened the meeting at 7:05 PM.

Update on Plan Hearing and Adoption Process

Chip Sawyer updated the Planning Commission on the status of the 2008 Town Plan adoption process. The Selectboard hearings are set for 2/25/08 and 3/3/08.

Sewer Expansion Act 250 Permit Application

Bill Rossmassler of LCPC updated the Planning Commission on the status of the Village's Act 250 application for sewer expansion. The Act 250 District Coordinator has asked the Village for more information on various criteria, including impacts on growth. The build-out data that was calculated for the previous 2005/2006 Town Sewer Service Area (TSSA) boundary would do much to answer these questions, in Rossmassler's opinion. However, the Village proposed the larger 2007 boundary under the label of "Sewer Service Market Area."

Bill Henchey asked if the Planning Commission is being specifically asked for anything by the Act 250 District Coordinator. Rossmassler says no, however the District Commission may appreciate Planning Commission comments. The Planning Commission is better equipped to interpret the Town Plan than the District Commission is.

Craig Myotte said that the Village would be proceeding very carefully in responding to the request and will have something to share with the Planning Commission for comments.

Sawyer mentioned the fact that Rossmassler began consulting the Planning Commission on the TSSA issue, covered under the Morristown-LCPC planning services contract, and that he now is in a position of advising the Village on the Act 250 application. Sawyer wanted to clarify the situation and asked the Planning Commission if this activity was deemed acceptable under the contract. There was general agreement. Henchey stated that the TSSA effort was originally spearheaded by the Planning Commission, and it makes sense that the contract would cover consultation in the process.

RFP for Downtown Transportation Opportunities Study

Sawyer presented the draft of the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Downtown Transportation Opportunities Study. Planning Commission members made some edits to the RFP.

The Planning Commission will accept proposals and decide on a short list. Stakeholders (MACC, Riverarts, etc.) will be invited to interviews with the candidates during regular Planning Commission meetings.

Ed Debor Request

The Morristown Selectboard requested comments from the Planning Commission on a draft response to an information request from Ed Debor on land use changes proposed in the revised Town Plan.

Planning Commission members directed Sawyer to send a few questions to the Selectboard in order to clarify the situation. They also wished to remind all involved that no zoning revisions have actually been proposed at this time and that a discussion on any land use topic could be a valuable part of the Zoning revision process to occur this year.

Zoning Revision Ideas

Mark Leonard, Morristown Zoning Administrator, shared a list of possible zoning and bylaw revisions that he had compiled in light of his function of interacting with the regulations everyday as part of his job.

Bill Henchey stated that it may be premature to engage in consideration of zoning changes at this time, at least not until the revised Town Plan is adopted. The first step would be to set up a calendar for the zoning revision process. Henchey also asked if there was any state aid available to do the zoning revisions. Some possibilities were mentioned. Sawyer mentioned that the current LCPC-Motown planning services contract has enough resources to cover this effort. Leonard suggested addressing the timeline for the zoning revision effort on the agenda for the 2/19/08 Planning Commission meeting, and all agreed.

National Guard

Henchey asked Leonard for any updates on the rumored relocation of the National Guard base in Morristown. There are many variables and there is much yet unknown. The Planning Commission is very interested in making sure that the Guard is able to locate in an appropriate place and remain in Town. Leonard will try to find out about the latest plans and information.

Approval of Minutes

John Meyers made a motion to accept the minutes of the 01/22/08 Planning Commission meeting. Andrew Volansky seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Submitted by: Chip Sawyer, recorder.