

**JOINT MEETING: Morristown Select Board, Morristown/Morrisville Planning Commission (PC),
Morristown/Morrisville Development Review Board (DRB), February 3, 2003**

PC Members Present: Julia Compagna, Sam Guy, Kelly Rogers, Bill Henchey, Bill Bourne, Bruce Tomlinson
DRB Members Present: David Silverman, Carol Jennings, Paul Trudell, Carl Fortune, Theresa Breault

Select Board Chairman Brian Greenia called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. This was a joint meeting of the Select Board, PC, and DRB to review the proposed revision of the Town Plan and discuss issues of common interest among these boards.

Chairman Greenia formally accepted the Planning Commission's proposed revisions to the Town Plan for the Select Board's consideration. The proposed revisions had been approved by the Planning Commission at a warned public hearing on January 21, 2003. The Select Board will schedule two public hearings, one being jointly held with the Village Trustees, on the proposed revised Town Plan in accordance with state statutes governing the adoption of municipal plans. The first hearing will be held on March 3, 2003.

Julia Compagna, Planning Commission co-chair, recapped the PC's work over the preceding nine months on the Town Plan. She highlighted the Commission's thoughts on redefining/redrawing zoning districts within the Rural Residential with Agriculture district, with particular emphasis on preventing sprawl and commercial development along the Route 100 corridor from the south edge of the village to the Stowe line. She discussed various economic policies as they pertained to land use planning (e.g., encouraging and retaining agricultural uses).

David Silverman of the DRB and Zoning Administrator Mark Leonard brought up several areas in which the DRB sought more guidance from the Planning Commission and Select Board. These included general policies regarding what types of home businesses were acceptable in the more densely developed residential zoning districts within the village and what specific standards should apply to development roads serving new subdivisions. The Select Board indicated that it would consult with the Highway Superintendent on what road standards were in effect and whether any changes should be considered. Until any such changes are adopted, the Town Road Standards apply. These include a provision that any new road must have a 24 foot traveled surface with two foot shoulders on either side, making a total roadway 28 feet wide.

Jim Pease, Morristown Conservation Commission member and employee of the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Water Quality Division, recommended that the town impose more stringent controls and requirements for stormwater treatment in its zoning bylaws for development projects that are not otherwise subject to state oversight. He provided a suggested bylaw revision to address these concerns. He also advised that the state had just placed on hold all Agency of Transportation enhancement grants for the coming fiscal year. This would put the town's grant application for stormwater control along Brooklyn Street in limbo. He stated that he would investigate other state funding sources for this project.

Paul McGinley stated that the proposed town budget for FY 2003/04 did not include any funds for planning programs. He noted that there is \$22,000 in this year's budget for such activities and presented a list of recommended actions and spending priorities to implement some of the main recommendations in the proposed Town Plan revision. The PC will review this list at its next meeting and make a recommendation to the Select Board on allocating these funds.

The joint meeting of the Select Board, PC, and DRB was adjourned at 7:00 PM and the Select Board continued with other business on its agenda.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Leonard, Recorder