

MORRISVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
January 18, 2000



Members Present: Julie Compagna(JC), Kelly Rogers(KR), Bruce Tomlinson(BT), George Robson(GR), Sam Guy(SG).

Members Absent: Stephen Jennings (SJ)

Guests: Ken Sweetser, Paul Markowitz, Scott Corse, Diane Gayre, Michele Swift, Judith Wrend, Joanne Harrison, Bill Henchey.

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

First Order of Business:

GR explained the planning grant process to the guests present and indicated that the Commission was available as a resource to the volunteer groups working toward implementation grants for their various projects/causes.

Second Order of Business:

Diane Gayre summarized the design results drafted from the Charette. She explained sample drawings of "Gateways," "Linkages," "Downtown," and the "Growth Center." She also explained the Design Charette process to the guests present.

Third Order of Business:

The Morristown Arts Group gave an update on the four meetings they have held since the Forum. They have been working with the "People's Arts Group" from People's Academy, and are considering possibly merging with this group. Their agenda includes renovating the mill buildings owned by Water and Light near the Noyes House Museum for cultural arts space. They may seek funding from the Copley Foundation to further their cause.

Fourth Order of Business:

Michele Swift gave an update on the "Preserving Rural Character" group. They have given up the idea of forming a land trust and instead are pursuing a conservation commission status. Their goals include helping make sure planning happens and that outside rural areas stay intact. They are awaiting a Selectboard response to their proposed formation and will pursue a petition and get on an article for Town Meeting if necessary.

Fifth Order of Business:

Scott Corse gave an update on the "Downtown Group." They have identified some specific issues such as power lines and tree plantings, and are trying to look at the bigger picture as to what their role will be. They are still recruiting members for their group. Paul Markowitz has arranged for a speaker from the Montpelier Downtown Association

for their next meeting on January 31st. They are considering the possibility of funding a coordinator through a grant program.

Sixth Order of Business:

Michele Swift indicated that her husband was a member of the "Recreation Path" group and that things seem to be moving along well on the proposed rec path extension.

Ken Sweetser gave an update on the status of the bypass.

The Commission interviewed Bill Hency for the open member position.

Ken Sweetser gave an update on the Cadys Falls Aquifer. The RFP deadline will be March 1, 2000.

The Commission scheduled coverage for the Party For the People on February 5th.

GR - 9:00AM - 11:00AM

BT - 11:00Am - 1:00 PM

JC - 1:00PM - 3:00 PM

SG - 3:00PM - 400 PM

BT moved and SG seconded a motion to appoint Bill Hency to the Commission. All were in favor. Appointment contingent upon Selectboard approval.

The Commission reviewed the minutes of the January 4, 2000 meeting. SG moved and BT seconded a motion to approve the minutes as written. All were in favor.

JC moved and BT seconded a motion to adjourn. All were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julia J. Compagna
Secretary