

MORRIS PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
COMMUNITY HALL • 3 EAST STREET • MORRIS, CONNECTICUT 06763

Regular Meeting Morris Town Hall and Live on Zoom

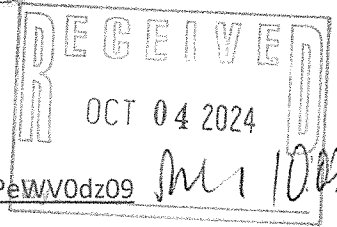
October 2nd, 2024 at 7:00 pm

Call in # 1-929-205-6099

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David Wiig Chairman		
Barbara Bongolotti	Dylan Hovey	Alternates:
Helen White	William Ayles Jr. (Vice-Chairman)	Marc Petzold
Veronica Florio	Kim Dore	Geoff Paletsky
Douglas Barnes (Secretary)	Staff: ZEO Tony Adili	Erika Leone
	Planner: Janell Mullen	

Minutes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm with David Wiig, Marc Petzold who was seated for Dylan Hovey, William Ayles Jr, Veronica Florio, and Kim Dore present.

2. Agenda Review

3. Old Business

4. New Business

5. Complaints

a. 95 Thomaston Rd

Marc Petzold made a motion to send a letter through a Marshal if the property owner does not sign the return receipt and if there is no response by October 30th. William Ayles Jr seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

b. 7 Benton Rd

Veronica Florio made a motion to postpone the letter to 7 Benton Road until the next meeting. Kim Dore seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Clothing Bin at 159 Watertown Road

The address should be 185 Watertown Road.

ZEO Report SEPTEMBER 2024

Application Approvals.

24-16: Equipment Barn at 68 West Street. Approved 9/4/2024

24-17: 35 West Morris Road: Garage Approved 9/25/2024

24-18: 42 Bantam Lake Heights: Awaiting Survey for approval. Addition to home.

Planner Bill

\$540.00

Lawyer Bills

None have been received yet.

7 Benton Rd: I met with Del Know on 10/2/2024. The mold issue has been resolved and now he is working on returning the items that were displaced from the house back into the house. There is some work he is doing and he will clean it up. I see him working at the property 2 or 3 times a week and is looking to clean it up as best he can.

95 Thomaston Rd.: The letter was sent and have not received a response yet. Will follow up next meeting and the board can decide the next steps.

Clothing Bin at 185 Watertown Road. The address for the clothing Bin should be 185 not 159 Watertown Road. I have not received a phone call or response back from the owner at 185. I sent a certified green receipt and have not received it back yet. If no response is provided by next months meeting the board can decide the next steps.

Short Term-Rental Survey: I spoke to the First Selectman and they will post on the necessary forums when we get the questions finalized. Tom suggested we also send it to Kristen Davila and she can send it to everyone on her list for the Community Events she organizes.

Seminars Attended to Maintain Certification

September 11th 2024: I attended the housing forum and it was held at Hotel Marcal in New Haven. There were various speakers on topics of funding for affordable housing and strategies Towns can use to facilitate an increase of housing supply and affordable housing. I forwarded everyone the slides and contact information of the speakers. It was a well-attended event with many planners all over Connecticut as well as board members and ZEO's. Jocelyn Ayer was a speaker and mentioned how the Housing Collective of Litchfield County is attempting to solve the housing problems and mentioned the

project in Litchfield as well as the one the Planning and Zoning Commission of Morris approved on East Street. There was a lot of information that looking at presentation can fill in.

September 19th 2024: The event was at Clements Castle in Portland CT. The event was hosted by the Connecticut Building Officials Association. There were Fire Marshals, Police Officers, Zoning Enforcement Officers, Building Inspectors, and Lawyers there. The topic was mainly how to understand and deal with the people you interact with daily, Hoarding, and how to obtain administrative search warrants. I will forward everyone the presentation when I receive them. It was interesting seminar and there was 3 or 4 speakers.

Board Membership

David Geremia officially resigned. Notices were sent to the rest of the non-attending members of meetings. No others have reached out to me or sent me anything back. Barbara Bongolotti did sign her return receipt.

Meeting with State DOT

The State DOT presented two plans to the Town of Morris about adding a roundabout or fixing the road at the 4 way stop near the Townhall, Popeyes, Post Office, and Town Green. The first selectman attended, Connie from Wetlands, The Fire Marshal, and a few other people. The State is proposing a few changes. These changes would add sidewalks near the Town Center along with other aesthetic changes to improve the traffic flow at the center and safety. This would also add crosswalks to the Town Center and make it more walkable to pedestrians. This would be fully funded by the State and Federal Government. I think this proposal also will help with the implementation of the Town Plan as well as with the housing plan.

Town Plan of Development Meeting

I Spoke to Jocelyn Ayer who helped us develop the Town Plan. She suggested we also talk about what steps we have taking to implement the Housing Plan at the same meeting. She also sent me a letter that David Wiig wrote out inviting the other stakeholders to the meeting in 2020 when we did the plan. This is will be provided at the October 2nd 2024 meeting and the October 16th meeting and that will give us enough time to put it in everyone's box at the Townhall. I will also try to reach out to White Memorial, Housing Authority, Beach and Recreation and so on.