

Lamoille County Planning Commission: Plan and Project Review Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2024

Members present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dick Goff | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judy Bickford
(Video) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leo Clark | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rich Pearson |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maxfield
English Video | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Tilton
(Video) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roger Murphy
(Video) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Duncan Hastings
(Video) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sam Lotto
(Video) | | | |

Staff: Tasha Wallis, Seth Jensen, Georgeana Little

Guests: Garret Hirschak, Jim Mahoney, Peter Smiar (Video)

Duncan Hastings called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Changes to the Agenda and Opportunity for Public Comment

There were no changes to the agenda. The guests were asked to introduce themselves.

Approval of July 25, 2024 Minutes

Jeff Tilton motioned to accept the July 25, 2024 minutes. Rich Pearson seconded. Motion carried with 3 abstentions.

MSI Airport Industrial Park (Route 100), 2322 Laporte road LLC, Morristown

Jim Mahoney gave an overview of the project for the applicant. The project is an 89 acre industrial park located on a larger 437 acre lot across from the airport in Morristown. State permits are in process and they are waiting for Act 250 comments. The project is located in an enterprise area. A traffic study has been done which indicated that most of the traffic would be coming from the north probably requiring a right turn lane. Final decisions on turn lanes are awaiting VTrans review. Public safety has been addressed with input from the Morristown Fire Department. The project plans to have more hydrants than required. They will supply their own water and sewer with the wellhead located on the larger parcel.

Seth Jensen reported that the project as presented conformed with the Regional Plan. The project will hit several Substantial Regional Impact (SRI) triggers.

It was asked if any arrangements for biking, specifically eBikes, had been included in the plans. Nothing has been done yet. They are waiting for the final designs to be fleshed out.

Concerns were raised about the transit stop, which is currently across the road at the Airport. Those decisions will be made by VTrans and Rural Community Transportation (RCT) once the industrial park is completed.

The committee wanted to know if the lots will be owned or leased? That decision has yet to be made.

Has the project impacted wetlands or prime ag land? There has been only minor impact on wetlands. Prime ag land has been affected and either preserved, offset with other ag land, or fees paid.

Were there any conversations with the airport management? Garret Hirschak answered that he has made several attempts to contact someone associated with the airport with no luck.

The Committee asked questions regarding the traffic study and impacts to the Route 100/Morristown Corners intersection.

This is the first of two meetings on this large project. Seth will collate the questions from tonight's meeting and present any answers or additional information to the Committee before the next meeting after VTrans has replied to questions.

Adjourn

Leo Clark motioned to adjourn. Sam Lotto seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:22 pm.