Rezoning Decision: Application 2020-712, Morris Family Investments, LLC

TO:   Mayor and Board of Commissioners  
FROM: Robert Will, Senior Planner  
DATE:   October 7, 2020  

Background/Issue

At the regular meeting on July 28th, the Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend approval contingent on additional efforts to resolve parking and storm water runoff concerns. Issues and concerns that were noted at the July 28th meeting included:

- Storm water designs for the impacted portion of Freemont St. have not been completed and the Board has concerns over runoff to adjacent properties.
- The scale of the proposed home design is larger than that of surrounding residences. Also noted was that the proposed elevations would not have a front porch.
- The applicant is proposing 5-foot side setbacks using the flexible design standards that are permitted in the R-VS zoning district. Otherwise the side setbacks would have to be 6 feet.
- A concern expressed over the limited parking for autos, with only a one-car garage and limited driveway space. Cars may end up being parked across the sidewalk or on the street.
- Removal of the row of vegetation on the right side of the lot would result in a loss of screening from the adjacent non-residential property.

Proposal/Solution

The applicant has requested withdrawal of the application at this time because of stormwater drainage and parking issues raised at the public hearing and at the Planning Board Meeting.

Financial Impact

None

Related Town Goal

Quality of Life and Economic Development/Land Use Planning

Recommended Action

The applicant has requested that the rezoning request be withdrawn at this time. Staff recommends the request be withdrawn.
Fwd: Freemont rezoning application
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FYI
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I wish to withdraw the Morris Family Investments rezoning application for North Freemont Street.

Thank you for your time and effort.

Dick

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