



**Moretown Planning Commission
Moretown Town Office
6:30 pm, November 19, 2019**

Present: Planning Commission Members Jonathan Siegel, Chair; Karen Horn, John Schmeltzer, Deb Carroll
Guest: Dara Torre, Member Energy Committee

Jonathan called the meeting to order at 6:40.

John made motion to adopt the minutes of November 5. Deb seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Dara discussed a new draft of the Energy Component of the municipal plan, including a mapping section on “preferred sites” for renewable energy facilities, which were discussed at the public hearing held at the Town Hall on September 24.

A discussion of the timeline for adoption of the energy component and statutory requirements ensued. At its December 17 meeting the Planning Commission will review the redrafted energy component of the plan. The plan will be put out to public comment after December 17.

The Planning Commission should also assess whether there are other pieces of the municipal plan that should be amended prior to its expiration (January 2024).

The Planning Commission will warn a public hearing at its January 7 meeting. The public hearing will be held on February 18. The Planning Commission will review and incorporate comments received and then send the energy component to the Selectboard.

The Selectboard then needs to hold its own hearing on the energy component and consider public comments. Actual adoption of the energy component of the municipal plan is a selectboard function. The Selectboard would adopt the energy component as an appendix to the municipal plan.

The Planning Commission reviewed the most recent changes to the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and incorporated comments from the Vermont Emergency Management review tool as well as those suggested by Zach Maia from Central VT Regional Commission. Surprisingly, town reports indicate that 65 single family residences have been built in Moretown in the last five years. The Planning Commission is going to double check that number.

Karen stated that she sent an email to Tom Martin and Cherilyn Brown reminding them of the need to put the question regarding adoption of the subdivision regulations on the ballot for Town Meeting.

John made a motion to adjourn at 8:15. Deb seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Horn
November 20, 2019*

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