



**Moretown Planning Commission  
Public Hearing on Energy Element of Moretown Municipal Plan  
and Meeting  
Via Zoom  
July 15, 2020**

**Present:** Jonathan Siegel, Chair; Karen Horn, Deborah Carroll, John Schmeltzer, David Stapleton

**Guests:** Dara Torre, Jay Pilliod

Karen called the public hearing to order at 6:50 pm after much difficulty with ZOOM. Due to technical difficulties, participants could not hear Jonathan Siegel, who could however hear the discussion.

Dara reported that she had one comment on the draft energy element of the municipal plan regarding increasing cell towers in town or supporting broadband deployment to facilitate remote learning, telecommuting and other internet necessities. Language in the plan will be added to support the efforts of CV Fiber to extend broadband to underserved portions of town and to support efforts generally to increase access to broadband and cell service. Then the planning commission will send the revised Energy Element to the selectboard.

The public hearing was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

The regular meeting of the Planning Commission continued. The Planning Commission discussed funding available for broadband deployment.

Deb made a motion to approve minutes of June 17 and July 1. David seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

David inquired about the new report from the Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Zoning for Great Neighborhoods. The link to the project is here: <https://accd.vermont.gov/content/zoning-for-great-neighborhoods>

The commission discussed the zoning ordinance. They will first incorporate the housekeeping changes proposed by the Development Review Board. Deb said she will

reach out to the Public Service Department to ask about a definition of ground mounted solar to include in the zoning ordinance. In the longer term, the planning commission will look into a planning grant to help with more substantive updating of the zoning ordinance.

John motion to adjourn at 7:30. Deb seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

List of work items for 2020 (compilation of current and prior meetings):

- zoning ordinance generally

- Municipal Planning Grants for assistance with zoning ordinance

- meeting with the development review board and recreation committee

- updating the forestry management plan for the town forest behind the school

- investigating potential for wastewater capacity in the village

- Ridge to Rivers initiative.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Karen Horn*

*July 23, 2020*

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