

**Moretown Planning Commission
Minutes
July 7, 2015
6:30 PM
Moretown Elementary School**

Present: Jonathan Siegel, Chair; Deb Sargent; Rube Scharges; Dara Torre
Guest: William Northrup, Sun Common

Jonathan called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

Public Comment: William Northrop, a new community organizer from Sun Common, introduced himself. Dara shared the language in the draft town plan that addresses solar. William described how Sun Common's CSA-model for community solar works. Their program is available to customers in Vermont Electric Co-op (VEC) and Green Mountain Power (GMP) territories, but not Washington Electric Co-op (WEC). He explained how customers who lack good solar potential could benefit from buying in to a community installation. One acre can support around 600 fixed panels, enough to power 20 to 30 homes. He inquired whether the PC has any recommendations on land suitable for community solar. Host landowners are being sought in our area. Sun Common has installed 9 sites so far in Addison County. The PC members suggested William contact our Zoning Administrator for info on site restrictions.

Minutes of 6/16/15: Rube made the motion to accept the minutes, Deb seconded; minutes were approved.

Draft Town Plan: Members discussed the Selectboard's request that a sentence regarding host town agreements for composting facilities be added. Dara summarized some composting language research and will circulate via email. Deb reviewed the state regulations on composting facilities, and noted that municipalities can address locations for composting facilities through zoning. The group identified a policy (B-13) to which a reference to composting could be added. Jonathan offered to follow-up with Cheryl Brown. Members decided to defer choosing a date for the next public hearing pending Karen Horn's return.

Zoning Updates: Discussion was deferred pending John Weir's next visit.

Next Meeting: 7/21/15 at 6:30PM at the Moretown School.

Deb made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Dara Torre
July 14, 2015*