

**Moretown Planning Commission
Minutes
April 19, 2016
6:30 PM
Moretown Elementary School**

Present: Planning Commission Members Jonathan Siegel, Chair; Rube Scharges; Deb Sargent; Karen Horn.

Guests: Jason Arnowitz, Marianne Barton, JB Weir.

Jonathan Siegel called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm and inquired if there were any public comments.

Jason commented that he sent suggestions for solar siting regulations to incorporate in the municipal plan or bylaws that were modeled on those adopted in Rutland Town. He commented that S. 230, the renewable energy legislation, seems to take away authority from towns and suggested the town put a bylaw in place addressing solar siting or amend the plan to include more specific provisions for solar siting.

Jason also commented that in New York State there are some models of language addressing the parking of equipment along property lines and he sent the planning commission a letter suggesting consideration of such a bylaw for Moretown.

Marianne Barton introduced herself to the planning commission, as a new resident of Moretown and indicated that she is a planner with extensive experience in renewable energy issues.

The planning commission discussed the topics raised in the public comment. Karen indicated that S. 230 is in flux right now and that the Public Service Board has draft rules around siting of renewable electric generation facilities that they are taking comment on until May 12. She said that Moretown would be better served by waiting until it is more clear what kind of provisions addressing siting of renewable facilities the legislation and Public Service Board rules would find acceptable and making sure that Moretown does provide appropriate places for siting solar facilities.

The planning commission also discussed pre-existing priorities for action now that the regional commission has approved the Moretown Town Plan (April 12). Those include adopting proposed subdivision regulations and pursuing Village Designation.

Rube made a motion to approve minutes of April 5. Deb seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

JB Weir and the planning commission discussed the proposed date for a vote on the subdivision regulations of August 9. Working backwards, the planning commission set the date for a public hearing on Tuesday, May 24.

Deb made a motion to adjourn at 7:55. Rube seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Karen Horn
April 20, 2016*

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