

MORETOWN

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Moretown Planning Commission Zoning Survey

Thank you for visiting the Moretown Planning Commission survey! Your Planning Commission invites you to answer the questions below and will use your responses to guide zoning changes designed to make sure our Town's zoning regulations meet our community's needs, especially as they relate to housing. We also have a question exploring your interest in centralized wastewater, given the availability of federal funds for such projects.

Moretown first adopted Zoning in 1976 and has updated and made revisions more than eighteen times. In 2020, Moretown received a Municipal Planning Grant (MPG) from the Department of Housing and Community Development to update its zoning regulations this year. The purpose of the revisions are to:

- **Streamline Permit Process:** reduce unnecessary or duplicative burdens within the permit application process.
- **Encourage Housing:** utilize recommendations from the Enabling Better Places: A Zoning Guide for Vermont Neighborhoods guidebook in an effort to allow more housing types or renovation opportunities, especially those that are affordable for working Vermonters throughout the town including the Village District;
- **Realize Energy and Broadband Goals:** implement compact settlement land use patterns that complement policies identified in Moretown's draft enhanced energy plan and support increased broadband deployment townwide; and
- **Preserve Natural Resources:** incorporate conservation strategies to preserve Moretown's forest resources, primarily in the Preserve District;

The adopted town plan explains each of these focus areas in Part 4A Resource Protection, 4B Land Use and Development, and 4C.

Please tell us what you think of these potential changes:

1. Allow duplexes/two-unit dwellings in all locations single dwelling units are allowed.

- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree

2. Eliminate minimum parking space requirements for residential uses, including accessory dwellings.

- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree

3. Decrease lot size, setbacks, and increase building coverage requirements in the Village and similar compact settled areas.

- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree

4. Ease the permit approval process for childcare facilities.

- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree

5. Ease the permit approval process for small multifamily dwellings (3-4 units) and require simplified review by the Development Review Board.

- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree

6. Ease the permit approval process for business offices, restaurants, and retail establishments in the Village and Mixed-Use District and require simplified review by the Development Review Board.

- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree

7. Allow for more than one principle structure per lot in the Village and similar compact settled areas.

- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree

8. Prohibit new residential units to be created in the floodplain.

- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree

9. Include a Certificate of Occupancy (CO) provision to ensure development has been built to permit approved standards.

- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree

10. Incorporate strategies to preserve Moretown’s forest resources into the standards for land subdivision.

- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree

11. Evaluate the need for and viability of centralized wastewater in the village and on the north side of town adjacent to Waterbury.

- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree

12. Comments:

Thank you for completing the survey!

Questions:

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