

Moretown Planning Commission
Moretown Elementary School Library
6:30 pm
February 19, 2019

Present: Jonathan Siegel, Chair; Rube Scharges, Deborah Carroll, John Schmeltzer, Karen Horn.

Guests: Clare Rock, Jonathan DeLaBruere Central Vermont Regional Commission

Jonathan Siegel called the meeting to order at 6:35.

Clare Rock described new requirements for town plans. A municipal plan needs to include mapping for large forest blocs and wildlife corridors when it is readopted. Municipalities may use the Agency of Natural Resources Bio-Finder to identify wildlife corridors. Clare also indicated that Dara Torre, Jay Pilliod and others are working on an energy plan for Moretown, which would need to be incorporated into the town plan if Moretown is to enjoy a higher level of consideration (substantial deference) in cases before the Public Utility Commission.

Jonathan DeLaBruere updated the Planning Commission on the schedule for updating the local hazard mitigation plan (LHMP) and the components of that plan, including a community profile, list of priority hazards to address, community engagement process and who might be invited to be stakeholders in the plan renewal process. A survey listing potential hazards and asking citizens their opinions, will be distributed to the General Store, Town Office and at Pre-Town Meeting.

The Planning Commission agreed to not meet on March 5, Town Meeting Day. The next meeting will be March 19. Jonathan DeLaBruere will attend for the LMHP session. Dara Torre will be invited to attend to discuss the energy plan component.

Rube made a motion to adjourn at 8:15, which was unanimously adopted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Horn
February 20, 2019