



**Moretown Planning Commission
Moretown Town Office
6:30 pm, January 22, 2020**

Jonathan called the meeting called to order at 6:36 pm

Present: Jonathan Siegel, John Schmeltzer, David Stapleton, Karen Horn, Deb Carroll
Guests: David Specht, Dara Torre, Jay Pilliod.

Deb made a motion to accept minutes of 1/ 3/ 2020. David seconded the motion, which was approved by Jonathan, John, Karen and Deb. David abstained as he had not been at the meeting.

David Specht brought a number of issues to the Planning Commission that he thinks need to be addressed in the zoning regulations. He will compile a memo and send it to the Planning Commission.

Dara and Jay discussed revisions to the energy component of the draft plan and comments from Planning Commission members.

Goals of the enhanced energy plan include:

Addressing climate change and resiliency as it affects Moretown

Enhanced standing before the Public Utility Commission (PUC) when they hear an application for a renewable energy project in Moretown

Locating tools and plans all in one place and taking advantage of funding for assistance in developing the plan.

David suggested moving the hearing out to April in order to incorporate Planning Commission comments. John seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. The date for a Planning Commission public hearing would be April 1. Warned by Mar. 2 The board will finalize their comments by Feb. 5 and then revise the plan. Dara will send the revised plan.

The public hearing is April 1 and will be warned not less than 30 days ahead of the hearing.

Planning Commission meetings are 2/5, 2/19, 3/4, 3/18 and 4/1.

Karen will send the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan to Jonathan to send to the selectboard for their approval.

John discussed the forest management plan for the Town Forest and deer yard in back of the school. The state approved the land management plan and easement in 2008. John spoke with the forester at the Land Trust and asked if we need to revise the plan. The forester, Caitlyn Cusack, said it was a good idea to revisit the plan and reassess. The Planning Commission will host a meeting in the spring with the recreation committee, potentially walk the land, and hear from the Vermont Land Trust as the trustee of the land.

Deb made a motion to adjourn at approximately 8:00 pm. David seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

*Karen Horn
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