



**Moretown Planning Commission  
Via ZOOM  
September 16, 2020**

Present: Jonathan Siegel, David Stapleton, Deborah Carroll, Karen Horn, John Schmeltzer

Guest: Zach Maia

Jonathan called the meeting to order at 6:36. Deb made a motion to adopt the minutes of Sept 2. David Stapleton seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Zach Maia joined the meeting and state that the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission could act as the agent for Moretown should a Municipal Planning Grant application be approved. In general, 2-3 projects per regional commission are approved. There are five towns and the Mad River Valley Consortium applying for Municipal Planning Grants in the 2020 round. Applications are due October 1.

Substantive issues and subjects for an updated zoning ordinance might include:

- Requirements for solar panels/renewable energy
- Amendments that make it easier for the DRB to make decisions and make those decisions predictable
- Regional planning commission expertise to help inform the Moretown Planning Commission about updates that neighboring towns are implementing and that conform to the law
- Amendments that Incorporate state goals such as for protection of large forested blocks
- Zach take a stab at including relevant provisions in the applications

The Planning Commission will schedule a special meeting for Thursday Sept. 24 at 6:30 to review the application for a Municipal Planning Grant (MPG). Planning Commission members will attend the next selectboard meeting (Sept. 21) to discuss applying for the MPG.

John updated the Planning Commission on the status of the forestry management plan for the conserved area behind the school. An update is due. The work item was sidelined by the COVID-19 pandemic and the Planning Commission would like to start up the process again.

The Planning Commission discussed moving ahead with technical amendments to the zoning ordinance that were requested by the Development Review Board.

David made a motion to adjourn at 8:00. John Schmeltzer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen Horn  
September 16, 2020*

List of work items for 2020 (compilation of current and prior meetings):  
zoning ordinance generally  
Municipal Planning Grants for assistance with zoning ordinance  
meeting with the development review board and recreation committee  
updating the forestry management plan for the town forest behind the school  
investigating potential for wastewater capacity in the village  
Ridge to Rivers initiative.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen Horn  
September 9, 2020*

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