



Agenda **Moretown Planning Commission** **Draft Minutes, April 5, 2023 6:30 pm**

Meeting held in person and available on Zoom.

Present: David Stapleton chair, Deborah Carroll, John Schmeltzer, Clark Amadon

Public: None

Meeting was called to order at 6:35PM

Clark moved to accept the minutes from 3/15/23. Deb seconded, and the minutes were accepted.

No public present, so there was no public comment this evening.

- Per David, a member of the Selectboard suggested that an informal meeting at the town hall of all town committees be scheduled. Town's folks would be invited to learn more about town government.
- Clark suggested that we invite people individuals with various expertise on the following topics to join our PC meetings: re: flood plain management, building housing in the village.
 - Noted important questions:
 - How do you identify projects in villages?
 - How do you find these properties?
- Zoning ordinances and town plan related issues discussed:
 - What are the PC's goals with respect to the 2024 revision of the Town Plan?
 - David will put some ideas/suggestions in writing for the purposes of future discussion.
 - The PC will look into what resources we have to help us update/create a new Town Plan, and we will explore what elements of the Town Plan are necessary (for granting purposes, according to statute, etc.).
 - It was suggested that preserving the wildlife corridors and protecting waterways should be in focus as we look at the town plan.
 - Consider:
 - How do we change the town plan to help move along the plan to develop affordable and adequate housing?
 - Consider also: a discussion with the community regarding a plan for housing in Moretown.

- What could have been done in the town plan 8 years ago, and what can be done moving forward.
- What strategies and documents are necessary, who should we speak with*, for us to reach our goal of successfully revising a useful town plan? A series of meetings.
 - *DRB, selectboard, Martin, large landowners (perhaps individually)
- Clark reported that there is a wastewater [sub]committee meeting tomorrow and that we should know which sites will have test pits by the end of next week.
- John reported that there was a meeting regarding the town forest and that they still need to determine what are the active trails compared to what there were years ago.
 - There was discussion about safety zones for hunting.
- The following topics were tabled: campgrounds and tree houses, bed and breakfasts.

Motion to adjourn made at approximately 8:00 by Clark and Seconded by John.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Carroll