



**Minutes
Moretown Planning Commission
Wednesday, April 19, 2023 6:30 pm
Moretown Town Office**

Present: David Stapleton, Chair; Clark Amadon, Deb Carroll, Karen Horn, John Schmeltzer

Guest: Clare Rock, Central Vermont Regional Commission (CVRPC)

David called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm. There was no public comment.

Clark made a motion to approve the minutes of April 5. Deb seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Clare stated that CVRPC has a contractual responsibility to visit with member towns two times in an eight year period (town plans are adopted for eight years). Her visit today would be a mid-term consultation. She noted that Christian Meyer is the new CEO of CVRPC. She mentioned five programs of which municipalities should be aware.

New municipal energy resilience program with the Department of Buildings and General Services and community capacity building grants. Sam Lash is the contact at CVRPC. <https://bgs.vermont.gov/municipal-energy-resilience-program>

Health Equity Grants – for recreation (in 2022) You can access grant categories at the VT Community Foundation here <https://bgs.vermont.gov/municipal-energy-resilience-program>

CVRPC is a Clean Water Service Provider – reduce phosphorus in our waterways

<https://centralvtplanning.org/programs/watershed/winooski-cwsp/> and <https://centralvtplanning.org/programs/watershed/corridor-planning/>

The Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) is updating flood plain maps for the state. The new maps are draft and will take into account changes in the watershed. The maps will be different, flood plains are likely to be larger and individual properties are likely to be affected. The town may want to

update flood hazard bylaws when maps are finalized and there will be some dollars to help. The Water programs person at CVRPC is Brian Hoyt.

CVRPC is updating the regional plan for housing. They are using Vermont Housing Finance Agency (VHFA) information for housing assessments. The regional plan expires next August. Representatives of the towns Montpelier, Waitsfield, Barre Town, and Calais are helping with the regional plan re-adoption.

David provided Clare with an update of Planning Commission activity In Moretown – zoning ordinance revisions adopted at Town Meeting

A few issues yet to address in the zoning ordinances: campgrounds and tree houses, vacation rentals, flood hazard areas

Preparing for town plan renewal for end of next year

Legal trails and class 4 roads policy in Moretown

Clare noted that all municipal plans adopted after 2018 have to identify forest blocks and habitat corridors (Act 171) in municipal plan. A plan may include an energy component and if that is included and compliant with state and regional energy plans, a town would receive “substantial deference” in Public Utility Commission proceedings. Moretown’s energy committee has completed work on an energy plan element.

Karen made a motion to adjourn at 8:05. Clark seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Horn

April 22, 2023