



**Minutes**  
**Moretown Planning Commission**  
**Wednesday, July 16, 2025**  
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The meeting was held in person at the Moretown Town Office and online via Zoom.

**Members Present:** Clark Amadon, Bob Blodgett (Alternate), Karen Horn (Chair), Deb Sargent, Dave Stapleton

**Staff Present:** Carol Chamberlin, Zoning Administrator

**Others Present:** Laura Arnesen (MRV Rec District), Barbara's iPad, Brian Koss, Sam Rosenberg, Jenna Rossbach, Jonathan Siegel, Chris Stephenson, Don Wexler

Karen called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

**Adjustments to the Agenda**

No adjustments were made to the agenda.

**Public Comment**

No public comment was provided.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of June 25, 2025 were approved.

**Conservation and Recreation Visioning (CRV)**

Laura Arnesen provided an overview of the CRV work recently completed as part of a VOREC grant, which has resulted in an online mapping tool from Arrowwood Associates, a vision statement, and a trail development guide for use by organizations and individuals. All three reflect the focus of the CRV project, which is to find strategies to balance the conservation and recreation interests in the area.

Laura explained that the project has moved on to a new iteration, CRV 2.0, where a list of priority projects will be worked on, and quarterly meetings will be held; the grant work is completed, and further efforts will be lead through the MRVPD.

**Stewart's Shops and Moretown General Store**

Karen provided some background information regarding the community interest expressed regarding the potential construction of a building aligning with the typical Stewart's design now that Stewart's is the owner of the Moretown General Store. She reported that she had spoken

with the director of real estate for the company, and he informed her that they are currently looking at store layouts, but at this time have no plans to alter the exterior of the Moretown store.

Karen then provided some history of the building, the construction of which was completed in 1905, and which has been a store since the 1950s. She noted that it is on the State Historic Register, and that she has contacted state officials regarding the site.

The inclusion of some additional language in the Town Plan which would reflect the community's desire to maintain the historic appearance of the Village was discussed. Several suitable sections of the text, including some of the goals outlined, were noted as being where potential language might be added. It was agreed to review some draft language at the next PC meeting.

Jonathan and Brian both spoke in support of implementing strategies that would enable preservation of the historic structure's appearance.

### **Town Plan**

Carol explained that she was working on obtaining some final data from CVRPC, and that she still needed to connect with Brian Voigt to finalize the needed maps for the Plan.

### **Updates and Other Business**

Bob reported that the letter to National Park Service staff had been drafted and delivered, proposing that Moretown's buyout properties be part of NPS's planning along with other Winooski River buyouts in neighboring and nearby towns.

Clark reported that the 90% PER for the wastewater project was being reviewed, and would be passed to the Selectboard. He indicated that the report provides a very thorough overview of the work completed and data gathered during the work on the wastewater project.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Chamberlin, ZA