



**Minutes**  
**Moretown Planning Commission**  
**Wednesday, September 18, 2024**  
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The meeting was held in person at the Moretown Town Office and online via Zoom.

**Members Present:** Bob Blodgett (Alternate), Karen Horn, Deb Sargent, John Schmeltzer, Dave Stapleton

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

**Others Present:** None

Karen called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

**Public Comment**

No public comment was provided.

**Introductions**

The minutes of September 4, 2024 were approved.

**Town Plan**

Morefest Feedback

Carol had developed some follow up questions based upon information received in the community survey, which were presented at Morefest and received 15-20 responses. That information was reviewed, and the responses regarding suitable locations for affordable housing being mostly 'near Waterbury' and 'near I89' prompted some discussion of potential development in Middlesex on a parcel located near the northbound entrance to I89. John also pointed out that there have been conversations among PC members regarding development in that area of Moretown as well, on the Moretown side of the Winooski River bridge.

Maps and Tables

The maps which Brian Voigt had provided were reviewed briefly. It was discussed that a community event presenting the maps and other Town Plan information may be beneficial; it was agreed that this will be discussed in more detail at the October 2 meeting. It was also agreed that digital copies should be made available on the Town website. It was noted that Town Plan goals might include developing more detailed information for presentation on maps which present wildlife habitat/corridor information.

Next Steps

Next steps will include reviews of each chapter as it is drafted by the PC member to which it has been assigned. Carol indicated that she will be working on data and survey information

collation, and that she can prioritize any information requests received from PC members as they edit chapters. Strategies for inviting public input were discussed, with potential posting on FPF announcing the chapters to be reviewed at upcoming PC meetings, posting of the draft chapters to the Town website, and the plans for a community event all considered.

Dave noted that Brian will continue assisting with maps as needed, and that Sam Lash (CVRPC) will be helping with the Energy chapter.

### **Updates and Other Business**

#### LHMP

The results of the survey taken during Morefest were reviewed briefly; there was some discussion regarding coordinating future emergency relief efforts with Waterbury's CReW team or the Rotary-based group potentially being coordinated in the MRV.

#### NDA

Dave reported that Niki Sabado (CVRPC) is available through a grant to assist towns in writing proposals for neighborhood designations, and that Jamison Ervin (Duxbury Selectboard) is planning to discuss the proposed NDA with her Board. He added that Niki is working on a timetable, and he anticipated a systematic and slower process, as the Town Plan needs to be in place before an application can be submitted for an NDA. Dave also noted that Bill Rasmussen, who is involved with many of the properties in that area of town, would likely be interested in being involved in the project; it was agreed that it would be appropriate to have him join as a property owner.

#### Land Use Regulations

Carol asked about the intent of the PC regarding the inclusion of warehouses/storage units as part of the definition of 'light industry.' This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Chamberlin, ZA