

Minutes Moretown Planning Commission Wednesday, October 30, 2024

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Members Present:Clark Amadon, Bob Blodgett (Alternate), Deb Sargent, John Schmeltzer, DaveStapletonStaff Present:Carol Chamberlin, Zoning AdministratorOthers Present:None

Dave called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. The meeting was held in person at the Moretown Town Office and online via Zoom.

Public Comment

No public comment was provided.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of October 16, 2024 were approved with the changes noted by Dave incorporated.

Town Plan Discussion

Chapter 2: Background

The content of the draft of this chapter was reviewed, including the comments which had been provided by PC members. There was some discussion regarding the direction preferred by residents regarding income and education, and Dave noted that the data gathered for the chapter is a warning sign regarding the lack of affordable housing in Town.

Chapter 3: Natural Resources

A portion of the draft provided by Deb was reviewed; Deb indicated that she will check to be sure the most recent data available is included where pertinent, and there was some discussion regarding what level of anecdotal evidence should be included regarding information related to climate change and other matters. Deb also noted that including soil suitability for wastewater disposal is likely irrelevant, as it cannot be relied upon to limit or promote development. John offered to check in with the Rivers staff at DEC regarding the latest information available related to Winooski River assessments, as well as look into the most recent Wetlands information to include. Groundwater mapping and landfill information were also discussed.

Table of Goals

The goals information that Dave had compiled was reviewed; it was suggested that Natural Resources strategies might include the defining of wildlife corridors and establishment of a Conservation Commission.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Chamberlin, ZA