



Minutes
Moretown Planning Commission
Wednesday, February 5, 2025

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The meeting was held online via Zoom.

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

Staff Present: Carol Chamberlin, ZA

Others Present: Jay Pilliod, Dara Torre

Karen called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Public Comment

Nobody requested time to comment.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of January 22, 2025 were approved.

Town Plan

Energy Chapter

Jay provided an overview of the work accomplished on the chapter, noting that he had culled what is no longer needed and updated what he was able to. He and Dara explained that Sam Lash (CVRPC) would be providing some newer data for inclusion in the chapter, including both current data and targeted goals. Information from Sam will also include how the changes in the Regional Energy Plan and its priorities will affect Moretown's energy chapter; Jay is also working to ensure that the chapter meets the enhanced energy requirements outlined in Act 174.

Some feedback was provided, including the following:

- Suggestions for addressing how changes in energy supplies, including changes to renewable, may impact the affordability of living in Moretown
- Ensuring that data regarding energy sources, particularly heating sources, is as accurate as possible; Jay spoke of presenting information in terms of fossil fuel displacement, and providing language about this along with the data that is presented
- Discussion of actions to be included related to rapid energy transition, and the need to consider societal costs when outlining those
- Data presented to include caveats where suitable, clarity regarding targets provided by state/regional plans
- Battery storage information should be added

Jay and Dara will work on a revision based upon feedback received.

Other Business

There was some planning for presence at a PC table at Town Meeting, along with providing information regarding the Town Plan and Hazard Mitigation Plan.

John noted that he had learned from Rae Washburn that there is still culvert work to be addressed, including some locations where there was road damage but no culvert damage, which indicates that FEMA will not cover the cost of upsizing the culverts. Other funding sources are being sought.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Chamberlin, ZA