

Moretown Planning Commission Minutes

Date: May 7, 2007

PC Attendees: Steve Sharp, Steve Robbins, Gene Kaslow, Don LaRocca, Dan Lynch

Guests: Eric Howes, Claire Bootle, Roberta Barone, Paula Mastroberardino; Fountain Forestry – Andrew Carlo, Beth Daut

Absent:

Start Time: 5:05 PM

Meeting Minutes:

1. Predisaster Mitigation – Claire Bootle led meeting to discuss and update progress on plan
 - a. Regional Plan updates required every 5 years
 - b. Town responsible to update its plan every 5 years with the Select Board assigning responsibility for update.
 - c. Each town is considered an annex to the state's Regional Plan.
 - d. Review of draft to date.
 - Maps updated include Hazardous Analysis Map including areas of local concern including 100 year flood areas, hazardous materials locations, etc.
 - The VELCO power station is the primary hazardous material location because of the liquid transformers on site. Question raised on substation classification. It does not reach Tier 2 classification and therefore not noted. Any other threats in town are also considered below threshold.
 - Gene K. requested the old Gulf Road intersection bridge be added to flood potential area. Claire B. noted its addition.
 - Transportation accidents noted as high accident rate at intersection of 110B and 100, 100B and the Mountain Road, and 100 and Route 2 intersection in Waterbury.
 - Hazardous materials locations included two Tier 2 sites: the VELCO site preciously mentioned and the Moretown General Store which contains gasoline storage. A Tier 2 site is the threshold for reporting to the EPA as possibly sensitive to environmental damage. It was noted that the map needs to be more accurate in locating these areas if possible in light of map scale. The landfill is a hazardous site but has its own state classification.
 - Discussion on the addition of the South End bridge as a hazardous location due to potential accident with wide body vehicles carrying hazardous material over the narrow bridge. Claire B. will consider its addition.
 - e. Brainstorm session for ideas, additions and improvements to the plan using the hazard mitigation matrix.
 - Undertake study to identify the true flood plain for actual impact, mitigation steps, and insurance considerations.
 - Add River Road study to the flood plain mitigation. Town has considered raising road level and a study may find alternate solutions.
 - The Moretown School evacuation plan needs to be revised and updated. Proper supplies and power generation need to be addressed. School also needs to be a Red Cross certified shelter.
 - Hazardous material throughout the town flood areas need to be discussed since hazardous materials will become dislodged during a flood adding to potential problems.

- A proactive education and awareness campaign should be considered to raise the awareness of town residents.
 - A method to follow up and enforce any hazardous material remediation needs to be adopted.
- f. Claire B. to follow up and make changes to draft. PDM meeting adjourned.
2. Meeting with Fountain Forestry to begin work on Forest Management Plan. Andrew Carlo and his assistant Beth Daut led discussion of this first review meeting.
- a. Fountain Forestry has reviewed data in their possession and the first step is to review the objectives and begin filling in and collecting additional data.
 - General discussion of present use of the property by the town.
 - Historical/archeological data provided and appears to be inclusive.
 - Discussed trails as shown on community mapping and interim plan.
 - Discussion of hunting activity on the property. It is recommended that the safety zone and buffer area behind school and buildings be reviewed and updated.
 - Discussion of previous logging and future logging activity will be continued once the deer yard issue is settled.
 - Reviewed easement restrictions and areas. Provided Fountain with the latest copy of the easement language for their review.
 - b. Next action is for Fountain to tour property and begin lot parcel description and inventory.
 - c. Fountain meeting adjourned.
3. Other PC business
- a. With John Atkinson's resignation from the Board and motion was made by Don L. to add Dan Lynch as an active member. Seconded by Steve R. Approved by all pending Select Board approval.
 - b. Minutes of April 16th meeting were not reviewed due to lack of time and will be discussed at the next meeting on May 21st.
 - c. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM

*Minutes recorded by Don LaRocca