

Moretown Planning Commission Minutes

Date: June 4th, 2007

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

Guests: Dave VanDeusen

Absent: Don LoRocca

Start Time: 5:10 PM

Meeting Minutes:

1. Review minutes May 21st. Motion to approve minutes. All approved.
2. Steve Robbins suggested that “Build-out Analysis” presentation given by Chris Walsh (CVRPC) should be viewed by other PC members who didn’t attend the previous meeting (Gene and Dan), and that the presentation should also be given at any sort to Town Plan related public forum.
3. The Select Board ask the PC to complete an “Act250 Municipal Impact Questionnaire” presented to the Town by McCain Consulting, Inc. in support of its efforts to prepare an Act250 application for the proposed Scribner Subdivision (McCain Project No. 26003). The PC concluded that it isn’t in a position to make a determination regarding Moretown’s capacity to provide fire, police, and rescue services. Such a determination can only be made by the Select Board and/or the Fire Chief. The PC will return the questionnaire with a letter indicating such.
4. Development Review Board (DRB)
 - a. Steve Sharp suggested that the PC write a letter to the DRB asking them to “cc:” the PC on all “final” permit decisions/determinations. The PC feels that its important to stay no top of what is happening in Town, the kind of decisions/outcomes being made by the DRB, and any zoning or Town Plan related issues which may need to be addressed as a result.
 - b. Steve also suggested that the PC meet with the DRB once a year to discuss and address issues of concern.
 - c. All PC members agreed to the above suggestions.
5. Wind Power
 - a. The PC had a lengthy discussion about wind power, and touched on a number of issues.
 - b. The PC agreed that it should review Moretown’s zoning bylaws with and eye toward supporting alternative energy sources such as wind. Current height requirements allow for a 50 foot tower with a 20 foot blade, however, the DRB has the wherewithal to permit a taller structure via conditional use review. It was felt that these standard should be reviewed and potentially revised. Some suggested using the telecommunications facilities language as a guide. It was also suggested that we talk to CVRPC and other towns.
 - c. This led to a discussion about the Town Plan. The PC discussed specific provisions in Chapter 6, which address wind power generation, and made a few tweaks.
6. Town Plan – Chapter 6 (partial review)
 - a. Wind power generation as noted above.
 - b. Moretown Landfill as a energy source in the future.
 - c. Added some language under Policies as well as Tasks & Strategies supporting energy efficiency and alternative energy sources.
7. Town Plan – To Do
 - a. CH4: one remaining item to review...”Gravel Resources”. Need to revise given significant changes made to zoning bylaws.
 - b. CH5 + CH6: Will be reviewed at the meeting on June 25th.
 - c. CH7: Will be reviewed in July.

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- d. Contact Chris Walsh (CVRPC) regarding any new Chapter 117 requirements such as Child Care Facilities, etc.
- e. Need to revise all tables and statistics.
- 8. Moretown Land Management Plan
 - a. Fountain Forestry hoped to conduct a “timber cruise” last week.
 - b. The PC will write another letter to the Select Board and School Board requesting a \$2500 contribution toward the development of the plan (given that the voters approved the MLI/VLT deeryard easement).
- 9. Meeting schedule change
 - a. Next meeting has been rescheduled for June 25th at 5PM (School) instead of June 18th.
 - b. The PC will review CH5+6 of the Town Plan at the June 25th. PC members should come prepared to discuss these chapters.
- 10. Additional “Action Items”
 - a. Find copy “Residential Wind Power Generation Map” for Washington County, VT.
 - b. Forward “Build-out Analysis” documents to PC and others.

*Minutes recorded by Steve Sharp