

Moretown Planning Commission Minutes

Date: April 9, 2007

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

Guests: Dave VanDeusen

Absent: John Atkinson

Start Time: 5:05 PM

Meeting Minutes:

1. Reviewed minutes of 3/19/07. Gene K. moved to accept minutes, Steve R. second. All in favor.
2. Discussion of proposal received from Fountain Forestry for forest management plan. Hunger Mountain declined to quote due to time schedule.
 - a. Fountain is a well known, large firm. Proposal appears to respond favorably to timetable and budget.
 - b. Motion to set interview for next meeting on 4/16/07 by Steve S. Second by Steve R., approved by all. Steve S. will contact Fountain.
 - c. Since resolution of the easement is now scheduled for a vote on May 22, 2007, any agreement needs to be conditioned on easement's acceptance. A management plan will go forward with the appropriate scope of work.
3. Discussion concerning Ron Shems' Email concerning party status in the Rivers quarry appeal. PC needs to decide on party status.
 - a. Motion for PC to request party status in the appeal by Don L., second Gene K. Discussed and approved by all. Steve S. to contact Ron Shems.
4. Town Plan Review:
 - a. Chapter 3, Housing
 - Obvious update to the census information (numbers and dollars) to be done through town resources.
 - PC Board to focus on rectifying Chapter 117, zoning issues, and philosophical overview.
 - Sub-division regulations need to be effectively defined.
 - b. Discussion on planning considerations.
 - For expediency members agree to use consensus where ever possible and motions/votes as needed.
 - TP page 18, planning considerations last bullet "although no ... ownership opportunities" should be removed because of its lack of specific data.
 - Discussion on school capacity relative to town population growth rate. Add a bullet under planning considerations for housing growth versus school facilities requiring the establishment of a procedure to evaluate new development's impact on facilities capacity. Also add a like statement to the housing policy.
 - Discussion page 18, last paragraph, Housing Affordability, "one issue...and its landscape." should be struck for similar reasons as last paragraph under planning considerations.
 - Discussion page 20, Housing Strategies and Tasks. Add number 5 that the School Board should provide forecast of student populations to the Select Board, PC and the DRB to assist in determining town housing growth.
 - c. Chapter 4, Natural and Cultural Resources
 - Recommendation by Dave VanDeusen to add verbiage to Tasks and Strategies, page 34, number 11 to encourage town support of local farmers for the purchase of product directly by the town where ever practical. All members agree.

- Agreed to continue chapter discussions at next meeting. Members to concentrate on chapter 4 review.
5. Meeting adjourned 7:00 PM. Next meeting Monday, April 16, 5:00PM at town office.

*Minutes recorded by Don LaRocca