

**Town of Moretown
Office of the SELECT BOARD**

Draft – unapproved minutes of the 2/21/17 Selectboard meeting

Board members present: Tom Martin, Rae Washburn, John Hoogenboom, Jason Aronowitz, Michelle Beard

Guests: Craig Oshkello, Cheryl Brown as board assistant

Tom called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

2/6/17 – Rae moved; John seconded to approve the minutes of 2/6/17. All were in favor.

Reports & Communication, Announcements –

3/6/17 Selectboard meeting – will begin at 5:30 p.m. to review the engineering bids for the parking lot stormwater design.

Meadow Lane – Craig Oshkello of Living Tree Alliance, requested that their subdivision off Freeman Hill Road be named Meadow Lane. The E-911 coordinator has approved the name as being in compliance with State E-911.

Tom moved; Michelle seconded to approve the road name to the development off Freeman Hill Road, Meadow Lane. All were in favor.

100 on 100 – a charity relay road race 100 on 100 to be held on August 12th this year. The runners will be entering Moretown on Route 100 near Harwood Union High School and continue on Route 100 through Waitsfield.

The board gave their approval for the race passing through Moretown.

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Scenic town roads – Moretown’s Certificate of Highway Mileage has never included scenic town owned roads, but transportation maps show evidence there are roads town designated scenic. It is clear how to get the scenic roads designated, but it is not clear how they get removed from the maps. Jason will investigate.

Legislative Day was held on 2/15 during the VLCT Local Government Day. John attended, and took part in the walk thru and attended State and House Committee meetings. John told of VLCT amending the Municipal Policy Bylaws.

Sidewalk project – John and Pat Travers are in the process of meeting with village residents involved in easements for the sidewalk project. Pat will be working on a couple of issues brought up, i.e. widening a driveway; and sloping a walkway. Conversations with residents are going well and there is general support.

Highway time sheets – John said the town should not be paying overtime for temporary employees according to the personnel policy. The board approved paying Stefan for the overtime he worked, but going forward until the personnel policy is amended, temporary employees cannot work over 40 hours per week.

Resolution regarding Gov. Scott’s education proposal – Jason prepared a draft resolution to encourage the Vt. Legislature to seriously consider the education proposals from Governor Phil Scott. The draft was amended and will be sent to the schoolboard for their comments before proceeding further. If the board decides to move forward with the resolution, they will need to decide the method of presentation.

Northeast Materials – Rae said Northeast Materials doesn’t have a lot of stone now but hope to start processing again in mid-March. Moretown is high on the list to get stone.

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Snowplowing around the firestation – Tom reported a call from the DiCarlo’s last week that snow had been pushed onto their trees. Stefan moved the snow. The DiCarlo’s are satisfied.

Log trucks – There have been complaints about log trucks rutting the road on South Hill Road and on Ward Brook Road, due to traveling in the warm weather. Some are traveling during the restricted school bus hours. It isn’t unclear who the truckers are or if they have overload permits. The logger on Ward Brook is Rich Hallstrom. The board remembers there were similar issues with Rich last year, and they had difficulty getting in touch with Rich. There should be no travel on Moretown roads without an overload permit. The board will notify DMV. Cheryl will find out more about the South Hill Road complaint.

OLD BUSINESS:

Parking lot storm water / landscaping plan – A bidder asked if there were landscaping design specifications that are to be included in the scope of services. After discussion, the landscaping will be addressed and worked around the stormwater design to be in place, the question will be answered no. All potential bidders will be copied the question, and the answer.

Building needs – The spreadsheet of town building needs was reviewed. There was money budgeted for town hall and for library repairs. The library trustees were given a copy of the spreadsheet, and asked if their plans include addressing any of the items on the spreadsheet. The trustees meet again on 3/9.

Town hall custodian – Becky Ciampi wants to get done from being the town hall custodian. Tom approached Stefan Pratt about taking over. He is willing to. Rae will let Becky know, and ask her to contact Stefan and to train him. Stefan will be paid the same rate he is getting as a temporary employee. He will be instructed to fill out an activity sheet for the time he is charging the town for his town hall work, the same as he does when he works for the road department.

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Town Administrator Assistant – So far there has been no interest in the help wanted ad. Jason would like the information to see if he can make the ad more appealing.

Memorandum of Understanding – MOU between the town and school for field and parking lot maintenance has been reviewed by WWSU legal, and back in the hands of the Schoolboard who will look it over for approval at their next meeting, and then pass it along to the Selectboard for their approval on 3/6.

Mad River Valley Recreation District – MRVRD did in fact receive a \$225,000 grant from Vermont Department of Forest, Parks and Recreation. The grant request was for \$275,000. The park is for sale for \$550,000. Moretown, Warren, Waitsfield, and Fayston each pledged \$31,250 (via a Town Meeting article), which leaves an even \$200,000 needed in donations and fundraising to make the purchase if the articles pass in all four towns.

Town website – Michelle and JB have updated the website. The information posted is now updated and accurate. Departments need to do a final review. Michelle will write up a procedure manual for the next meeting. She said she is happy to volunteer a couple of hours per month to keep the website up to date. The board thanked Michelle for her help updating and organizing the site.

New Business:

Preparation for the 3/6/17 pre-town meeting.

Documents for signature –

Overload permits – P & P, Bourne’s Inc., McCullough Crushing, Spafford & Sons.

Curb cut permit for – H & H Real Estate LLC for lot 25.

Warrant # 17007 – eck # 2382-2391

17008 – ck # 18541 - 18564

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm