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Town of Moretown
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
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Guest Present: Catrina Brackett and Cheryl Brown, Stefan Pratt and Dan Currier

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

Board Absent: Tom Badowski

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Tom M.

No public comment at this time.

Cheryl was present to give her town administrators report. She let the board know the ERP grant for the parking lot/storm water project was still under review and she would keep the board posted on results.

An agreement amendment from Green Mountain Engineering, Inc concerning the parking lot/storm water project to increase the contract from \$19,780 to \$33,520 (\$9850 town and \$3800 school). Cheryl had a break down for the board to review from the Engineer. The categories for past vs future work were discussed and the board feels satisfied there is no overlap in services. The board will hold off on signing the amendment until they hear about the ERP grant.

Cheryl updated the board concerning Peak Mechanical, LLC fixing the humidity issue in the town office vault. Work should be completed this week. Cheryl will invite MaClay Architect to attend the next SB meeting.

A cost estimate prepared by Doug Henson for a VTrans grant application, to upgrade the pipes and catch basins under the sidewalk to be replaced was discussed. Brad Washburn who has done all the engineering up to this point for the parking lot/stormwater project was uncomfortable doing the estimate because Doug had done the designs for the sidewalk project. A decision will not be made on this until they hear about the ERP grant.

Cheryl spoke about receiving calls concerning the tax rate. Tom M stated he hasn't received any calls this year.

Cheryl reminded the board there is still three vacancies for Auditor. Cheryl will place an advertisement on Front Porch Forum with details about the position. Tom M also encouraged the SB to think about anyone they know that might like the job.

Cheryl let the board know a public hearing for the closeout of the Town Office grant, will be included in the SB next regularly scheduled meeting on 8/21/2017.

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Cheryl also discussed the State's response concerning the roadside mowing. They stated that Rt 100B is designated low priority. Cheryl also noted Rt 2 is also a low priority, meaning all state roads in Town are designated low maintenance. The SB will look into this. Route 100 is considered high priority.

The selectboard had a discussion concerning the class 4 roads, as they are still working on a revised class 4 road policy. Cheryl presented information from the grand list showing that class 4 road and trail property owners make up almost ½ of the grand list (municipal taxes) collected by the town. Cheryl said that land use credits are not included in her calculation. Jason questioned if these homes were appraised different because they are on a class 4 road. Cheryl confirmed the appraisal may be classified different (lower) for property on class IV roads or trails.

Dan Currier from Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission was present to discuss the Vtrans Stormwater Mitigation Grant that the SB approved Cheryl to apply for at the 7/17/2017 meeting. He said the timing of this grant is perfect to get the catch basins and pipes done so work on the sidewalks could start. If this application is not approved the town can reapply in September/October. Dan did mention if any maintenance is required that the state may assign that to be completed by the Town. He will get more clarification concerning this. Using a state pre-qualified engineer for the construction phase was also discussed. Dan will let Cheryl know if this is a process the town must complete for the engineer or if the engineer should do it if in fact there is a need. Preliminary cost estimates are \$125,000 the town is responsible for a 20% match (1/2 to be paid by the school), or about \$25,000.

Tom M made a motion to apply for the grant with a 20% match to be paid by the town and school 50/50 for the catch basins. Rae seconded. All agreed.

Jason mentioned not hearing anything yet about the scenic roads. Cheryl will follow up.

Stefan Pratt was present to discuss water/drainage problems at the Town Hall. With all the rain and several large storms we have had Stefan has been running fans, dehumidifiers and mopping quite often. He believes the problem is coming from the foundation where the work stopped last year from the side door to the back of building. Tom M asked Stefan to remove any wet/damp dry wall and apply an anti-mold solution. Cheryl will contact Griffin and Griffin about digging around the foundation outside so waterproofing can be applied.

Cheryl spoke about still no response from Rob Townsend concerning the Blodgett Trail survey. Both Tom M and Cheryl will reach out to him.

John gave everyone a copy of the Municipal Road General Permit Standards to review. He also spoke about Ridge 2 River attending a SB meeting on September 18th at 7pm for a presentation and said the Planning Commission should also be present.

Rae made a motion to accept the 7/17/2017 minutes. John seconded. All agreed.

Tom M said JB is still looking into Grow Compost zoning.

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Tom M. said we lost Lester Cameron last week. Very sad news. The board wished the Cameron family their best.

The selectboard signed off on fireworks for Morefest.

Rae made a motion to adjourn. Rae seconded. All agreed.

Warrants: PR-17035-e2504-e2514-18908 AP-17036-18909-18919 PR-17037-e2515-e2524 AP-17038-18920-18947. Warrant numbers and check numbers were consistent with the last.