

Town of Moretown  
Selectboard Minutes  
10/16/2017

**Board Members Present:** Rae Washburn, John Hoogenboom, Jason Aronowitz, Tom Martin and Tom Badowski

**Guest Present:** Susan Werntgen (Rec), Duane Pierson (MES & Rec), Steve Robbins (rec), Ray Daigle (HUUSD), Cheryl Brown, Deborah Feldman, Catrina Brackett and Cheryl Brown

**Meeting was called to order** at 6:05pm by Tom Martin

**General Public Comment:** None at this time.

**Town Administrators Report:** Cheryl gave the Selectboard a letter of intent to sign for the 2018 Municipal Mitigation Program Grant the town was awarded for replacing/upgrading the catch basins around the school and Rt 100b. The grant total is \$204,541 with a town/school match of \$51,131. Cheryl also gave the Selectboard what had been done on the budget so far to review. Tom M would like to start scheduling the departments for Selectboard meeting to go over their budgets. Cemetery and town mowing for next season was also discussed. It was decided to put the cemetery and rec field mowing bids out as one bid in hopes for a better price.

**Reports & Communications:**

John attended the VLCT annual meeting last week. He stated not many changes were made. John also spoke about working on a Stormwater Master Plan with CVRPC and that he invited Martin to participate, who excepted.

Tom M. received a call from a concerned citizen about a marijuana growing facility being locater in Moretown. Tom M. contacted the Vermont Marijuana Registry and found there are 2 State licensed grow facilities, one located at Grow Compost on Rt. 2. Someone reached out to JB previously to ask if Moretown had restrictions in zoning for agriculture, in which he responded there was not. The registry felt that Grow Compost should have reached out to the Selectboard to inform them this was happening. Tom M did note that research and development is also happening at the same location. Tom. B would like Stephanie Smith from the agriculture dept. to weigh in. Cheryl will reach out to her. Tom B. also spoke about the Selectboard putting constraints on what the facility should have for security due to reason break-ins.

**Recreation Committee:** Duane Pierson, Steve Robbins, Susan Werntgen were present to speak to the Selectboard about the FY2018 budget. They shared with them 2 different quotes for the tennis courts which have not been touched for over 20 years. They also spoke about upgrades to the baseball field. Catrina will look into grants they could apply for. Tom B. spoke to the committee about possibly hiring someone to be a Recreation manager and how the school/town could come up with more revenue for the town.

**Use of Town Office:** Cherilyn Brown and Deborah Feldman were present for this subject. Cherilyn spoke about talking to other towns about their policies. She spoke about that the office space being in the meeting room and the public should not have access to files/desks. Cheryl wondered about insurance covering anyone that doesn't work for the town. Deborah spoke about the same thing as Cherilyn about the files/desk not being secure. Also about damage of property. She wondered why there needs to be public use of the town office when we have a town hall to rent out. Jason suggested if a group of people want to use the town office, perhaps they would have to pay an employee to be here. Cheryl also noted there is no public access to WiFi at the Town Office. Jason will like Cheryl to check the insurance. No decision was made.

**Parking Lot/Storm water project.** Doug Reed was not present. He did go over and talk with Duane and Greg about his plan earlier this week.

Cheryl ask for direction about moving forward with the Catch Basin grant that we had received, saying now that we have this grant we can reapply for the Eco Restoration Program Grant (ERP) that was previously turned down because it was too expensive. Cheryl will resubmit the ERP (which was originally \$716,348) for \$459,655.

Cheryl also spoke about using the same contractor for the catch basin grant and sidewalk grant, by combining the sidewalk and catch basin grants.

**Minutes from October 2, 2017:** Motion made by Tom B, to approve, seconded by John. All agreed.

**Old Business:** Jason and John let the Selectboard know the Investment Committee will be meeting the next day and will update on 10/23/2017. Class 4 road developments- Tom B. had sent an email to all the Selectboard concerning enforcement of conditions set forth by the DRB. John Riley from the DRB will be present at the Public Forum so share his thoughts. The fire department will also be invited to speak at the public form concerning what they need Class 4 roads to be for access.

Trail 17- Tom M moved to approve the map as presented by ACES on 9/27/2017. Tom B seconded the motion. All agreed.

**New Business:** Jeff Ladue requested a load of stone from the town. Martin wants to check with the neighbors first and use his judgment.

A video was received from Bruce Saffron showing the dog Riley coming down the driveway not in control, that they had previously met with the Selectboard about. Tom M. talked to Shane tonight who will send a fine to Riley's owner Jeff Rothenberg. Shane would also like to discuss the fees with the Selectboard.

Adjourn: Tom M made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm, seconded by Tom B. All agreed.

Warrants: PR- #17047 e-check 2571-2579 Ck# 19086

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