

Town of Moretown
Selectboard Minutes
3/19/2018

Board Members Present: Tom Martin, Rae Washburn, Callie Streeter, John Hoogenboom and Jason Aronowitz arrived at 7:00pm

Guest Present: Catrina Brackett, Cheryl Brown, Cherilyn Brown, Beki Auclair, Bob Holden, Peter Langella, Gabe Gilman, Pat Travers, Chuck Burt and Clarence Wood.

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

General Public Comment: None at this time

Town Administrator Report:

Accident #18A301164 – 3/13/18 – update – no incident report from VSP yet. Martin was cleaning out a pull off on Moretown Mountain Road when the wing of the plow was hit by Joshua Burt. Damage to both vehicles was minimal.

Audit of 2017 financials is done - \$14,848 surplus in 2017. No deficiencies were found.

Moretown Holdings – Nothing from court since Ron Shems confidential email of March 12th. Tom spoke to Ron just before tonight's meeting and the parties have come to an agreement to not vacate the decision but to amend it. Still needs to be finalized in court.

Sidewalk – A project kickoff meeting will happen on Thursday, March 22 at 9:30 am – town office. Pat to report on status of easements and time line.

Reports and Communications:

Callie let the other members know she will be attending the Selectboard training this weekend.

John let the board know the round table scheduled for Wednesday the 21st will be happening at the Town Hall.

A letter from Mike Woods asking the Selectboard to wave the Town Hall rental fee for the HU Varsity Boys was received. **MOTION:** Rae so moved, Callie seconded. All in favor.

A letter was also received from CVRCP asking the Selectboard to wave the Town Hall rental fee for the Mad River Corridor meeting on April 10th. **MOTION:** John so moved, Rae seconded. All in favor.

Cheryl had presented the Board with the update to the Local Mitigation Plan. **MOTION:** Tom moved to approve the plan, John seconded. All in favor.

An email was received from Chuck Burt who was also present, answering questions from Town Meeting concerning joining the new Central Vermont Internet. Chuck reported that every town voted yes that had it on their ballot for Town Meeting. Tom is reaching out to WCVT to see if they would like to come to the next Selectboard meeting before the board decides.

Cherilyn presented a memo to the Board requesting permission to transfer the following: \$200,000 from the Savings Reserve Fund to the General Fund for the purpose of: The general fund is currently at a negative \$40,794.71 balance after tonight's warrant, tax anticipation note pay off of \$100,000, tax anticipation note interest of \$568.43. Estimated payroll for 4/13/18 of \$10,000 and accounts payable for of \$25,000. Memo was approved by the Board. Cherilyn will present a memo before doing any transfers. The Board agreed that Tom and John could sign off on any special request in between meetings.

MOTION: Tom made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:35pm based on the appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee, provided that the public body shall make a final decision to hire or appoint a public officer or employee in an open meeting and shall explain the reasons for its final decision during the open meeting. John seconded the motion. Cherilyn asked for Cheryl to be present for the ES. All in favor.

MOTION: Tom made a motion to end Executive Session at 7:20, seconded by John. All in favor. No action was taken.

HUUSD Update: Gabe and Peter were present. Gabe said there wasn't much of an update since Town Meeting. He commended the Selectboard keep staying engaged. Peter has been doing a lot of research in how other communities have handled this situation in the past and will pass along the info he has found. Both Tom and Callie plan to attend the HUUSD community engagement scheduled for Tuesday (tomorrow) night. Both Peter and Gabe agree that if any changes were to be made about school restructuring, starting small is the way to begin. The Selectboard urged both representatives to come back to the Selectboard any time with an update.

Sidewalk/Catch basin project: Pat Travers was present to update the Board on easements for the project. As of this meeting there were four properties still not signed off. Ellie Hilferty and Fred Messer both said they plan to come in this week. Rachel Miltner who Pat saw just before tonight's meeting, plans to come in this week as well. The last is the Beki Auclair and Howland Brown property, who are still talking to Charlie Merriman about the easement wording. A kickoff meeting for the project is scheduled for Thursday at 9:30. Pat spoke about a time line of getting RFPs done by late spring.

Finance Committee: Bob Holden and Beki Auclair were present to discuss becoming part of the finance committee. Both would like to see low risk investments made. **MOTION:** Tom M made a motion for both Bob and Beki to become part of the Finance Committee, seconded by Rae. All in favor.

2nd constable: Clarence Wood was present to speak to the board about being 2nd constable again. Jason Gerrish the other person interested was unable to attend. Clarence would like to continue the position because he enjoys it and likes contributing to the town. He also spoke about becoming a lister.

MOTION: John moved to appoint Clarence Wood as 2nd Constable, Rae seconded. All in favor. **MOTION:** Tom made a motion to appoint Clarence Wood as a Lister, John seconded the motion. All in favor.

Old Business: Blodgett trail mylar. **MOTION:** John made a motion to approve the mylar received on 12/18/17 as prepared by American Consulting Surveyors on 9/20/17, seconded by Callie. All in favor.

Town Hall: The town hall flooring was discussed. No decision was made, will wait to see what the time line is with the Library moving there. Catrina gave the board an RFP to approve for the exterior painting of the Town Hall.

Minutes from 3/5/18: Rae moved to accept the minutes as written, Jason seconded. All in favor.

Minutes from 3/13/18: Rae moved to accept the minutes as written, Callie seconded. All in favor.

New Business: Rae asked about the quotes for radios for the fire department. Catrina and Cheryl let him know multiple bids were received for the same make and model radios.

MOTION: Tom made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:38 pm based on the appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee, provided that the public body shall make any final decision to hire or appoint a public officer or employee in an open meeting and shall explain the reasons for its final decision during the open meeting. Rae Seconded the motion. All in favor.

MOTION: Tom made a motion to end Executive Session at 8:45, seconded by Rae. All in favor. No action was taken.

Next Meeting: Will be held on Monday April 2nd @6pm.

Documents for approval: Overload permits for Gillespie Fuels, Suburban Propane, Kingsbury Construction, Weston Pulpwood Sales Inc., Jack F. Corse Inc, Cota Trucking, Blue Flame Gas, Richmond Home Supply, Newton Construction, SD Ireland, Bournes Energy and Demag Riggers & Crane Service. Local Emergency Operations Plan. Conflict of Interest policy.

Warrants: AP# 18012 #19420-19463; PR# 18013 #19464-19465, e2700-e2710

Motion to Adjourn: Tom M made a motion to adjourn at 9:00pm. Rae seconded the motion. All agreed