

Town of Moretown
Selectboard Minutes
4/16/2018

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

Board Members not present: Callie Streeter

Guest Present: Catrina Brackett, Cheryl Brown, Stefan Pratt and Dan McHugh

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

General Public Comment: Dan McHugh came in with the American flags that hang though town. He wanted to get the Selectboards opinion on if the flags were too faded to use again. The Selectboard agreed they could be flown for another summer.

Town Administrator Report:

VLCT grant for \$5000 with a 50/50 match for 2 backup cameras for tandem trucks. Martin said he had enough in his budget for two and will wait to get a third next year. The Selectboard felt it would be better to get all three this year and pull the extra money from somewhere else in the highway budget. Cheryl will apply for the full \$5000 grant. Jason asked if there was any training refresher courses the road crew could take. Catrina will look into this.

Town Hall furnace repair: Chucks heating came and inspected them after 2 years and discovered the burners, flame sensors and plate needed replacing for a total cost of \$850. Cheryl already gave them the go ahead for the work to be done.

A meeting will be held May 9th, 9am @ the Town Office concerning the replacement of bridge #2, located south of town. Easements will be discussed. This meeting will be warned as Selectboard members will be attending.

Date for ICS 402 training is 5/14/18 @ 6 pm. Everyone needs to sign up individually online. When filling out the incident organizational chart of who is in charge during emergencies the Selectboard Chair will be first in command.

Upcoming Tax Sales: Cheryl let the board know Craig listed eight properties for tax sale for this year. Only one was more than one year past due. The Selectboard would like Craig to come to the next meeting to discuss before this happens. Cheryl also mentioned the board should think about a bid on Buska property.

Cheryl drafted a letter for Saganich concerning the letter they sent to the Selectboard about their taxes. Tom approved and it will be mailed out.

Fire department uniforms contaminated during I-89 gas spill. Check received 4/10/18 from Crum & Forster the insurance company of the truck who had the accident for \$24,068.80.

Old Business: The shrubs on Piazza property did not get cut last summer, which VTRANS recommended. We will get another assessment from VTRANS again this year.

A letter from HR Block on behalf of Ms. Wirth was reviewed asking to wave the Homestead filing late fee of \$171.33 from her 2017 taxes. The board decided to not approve the request and that any request for refund needed to be made within the same tax year. Cheryl will send Ms. Wirth a letter of the decision.

Reports and Communications: A list of dog owners who haven't registered their dogs was reviewed. Cheryl will split up the list for each board member to call the residents.

An email from Pat Travers stated no one could find the outlet for the pipe running across 100B and that the State was hiring Hartigan to come flush it out.

Cheryl had spoken to Paul Gillies (lawyer) about the process of discontinuing the old access and establishing a new access on the books. A site visit will be scheduled for June 5th, 2018 at 5pm with a public hearing to follow at the Town Office.

Rae attended the Mad River Corridor meeting last week hosted by CVRPC. Flood prevention and projects with individual land owners were discussed. Going forward Bear Creek Environmental will work with the planning commission.

Tom attended the library trustee meeting and reported the Historical Society would like to get everyone together to discuss the possible move of the library. They will be scheduled for June 4th Selectboard meeting.

Stefan Pratt (summer hours): Stefan came in to discuss his lay off and summer hours for mowing. Martin told him he will be laid off as of next week for at least 3 weeks. A come back date will be determined when Martin is back from vacation. Tom brought up the cleaning of the Town Hall since Stefan was there. Stefan was not against someone taking over the custodian position. Catrina volunteered for the position. **MOTION:** Tom made a motion to have Catrina take over as custodian at her same hourly rate. John seconded the motion. All agreed

Catrina made a brochure advertising the town hall as a rental. A few changes need to be made and Catrina will get the rate to mail them out to residents.

Rae asked for an update about the parking lot study being done by watershed management through CVRPC. Cheryl has not received anything yet.

Minutes from 3/19/18: Rae moved to accept the minutes. John seconded the motion. All agreed. Jason mentioned not having anything in the minutes reflecting a discussion that Casella and Meyers Container had not yet submitted overload permits. As of the date of this meeting Casella's has been received.

New Business: Personal policy: The board talked about the drug policy. Catrina suggested adding the words "The policy follows federal guidelines for drug use." **MOTION:** Tom made a motion to approve that suggestion. John seconded the motion. Approved. Forming a Retirement Policy was discussed.

Internet: Jason and Rae met with Eric Haskin at Waitsfield Telecom. Eric said they are planning to extend fiber upgrades to their customers in Moretown in the next couple of years. The board feels there is not enough concrete information from Central Vt Internet to sign on at this time. They would like them to come back to the Board after they begin meeting with more information.

Paint Bids: Two sealed bids were received and opened as follows Darrell Mayes \$14,900 and Purdy Paint Service \$10,889.87. Bid were reviewed for the scope of work to be provided. Tom made a motion to accept Purdy Paint Services bid of \$10,889.87 to be paid in installments over the next two years. John seconded the motion. All agreed. Jason would like to see paint samples.

Social media: Tom suggested Catrina make a Moretown Facebook page but not publish it for them to review.

Warrants: PR# 18016- e2724-e2735 ck# 19495 AP# 18017 ck# 19496-19527

Documents for approval: Memo from Cherilyn to transfer funds in the amount of \$60,000 to the Town general checking account from the Savings Reserve Fund to cover A/P and P/R expense was signed as submitted.

Duxbury fire protection contract. Certificate of Compliance for Town Road and Bridge Standards. Town of Moretown Bridge Standards. Overload permits for: Kelley View farm, Structures RBR Inc, Walker Construction, Bellavance Trucking, Driscoll Brothers Excavating, Casella, Harrison Redi-Mix Corp, and Hutch Crane and Pump Rental corp.

Motion to Adjourn: Tom made a motion to adjourn at 8:10pm. John seconded the motion. All agreed