

Town of Moretown  
Selectboard Minutes  
6/18/18

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

**Guest Present:** Catrina Brackett, Cheryl Brown, Cherilyn Brown, Jennifer Hill, Jamie Wimble, Denise Gabaree, Ellie Hilferty. Cory Stephenson, Elizabeth Burt and Martin Cameron

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

**Town Administrator Report:**

1. Grant balance available to town \$30,833. Grant is 90/10. Martin estimated \$19,258 to finish. Bids DuBois \$40,810 / Griffin & Griffin \$54,258. Bid further reviewed in detail later tonight.  
Since Martin knows where his estimate went wrong, Cheryl asked him to call Dick Hosking to see if an extra \$10K might be available to add onto the EM grant.
2. Grievance hearings attended. Permission from the SB to grieve on behalf of the Town was granted to Cheryl. We did not receive a letter but the elementary school did. The letter stated the school now has 71 acres. 173.5 was transferred to the Town by a Quit Claim deed in January 2014. The actual school land is 2.1 acres. The actual Town land is 178.23 acres after deed research. Appointment is July 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm, to grieve the tax map.
3. Window shades between \$2,000 - \$3,000 for entire Town Office- to be included in next years budget.
4. Mold remediation began 6/14 at the Town Hall.
5. Lister budget over by \$1510 so far. There is \$1500 budgeted for tax maps revisions. Do we agree we will pay CAI no monies to correct tax maps? The listers spoke to Cheryl after the first round of letters went out. They only gave tax payers 10 days to respond when it should have been 14. Cheryl suggested another round of letters. The listers spoke to an attorney and sent out another round of letters on 6/11/18.
6. Banevicious complaint / Herring Brook work. Solved.

**Reports and Communications:** Rae spoke to Martin concerning Kathryn Friedland problem with her ditch filling with gravel. It is on Martins list to do this summer.

John spoke to Don LaRocca about the finance committee meeting. They will get together with other members Beki Auclair and Bob Holden set a date to meet.

John spoke about attending several of the grievance hearings. Two people in particular, Steve Maynard and Becky Auger, were led to believe their properties would be corrected after meeting with the listers but then received a letter that said no corrections would be made.

John spoke to Jerry Maynard on rt 100B. They have requested to have signs by their property addressing speed. Cheryl has spoken to Joyce Manchester from CVRCP. She will be attending the next meeting to talk about signage and other TAC issues.

John also attended a Ridge to River meeting, CVRCP Water meeting as well as the Planning Commissions hearing concerning sub-divisions.

The Selectboard requested a list of who has already grieved the tax maps and the outcomes. Cherilyn will email.

**Town Road Business:** Martin was present to discuss the Lovers Lane bids opened at the last meeting. He said he reached out to 4 contractors, Dubois Construction and Griffin & Griffin were the contractors that bid. Martin gave a verbal request for proposal and walked through the sight. Martin is comfortable with both bids and had told the contractors a lump sum was acceptable. Martin also spoke about the difference between the new bid and his estimate. He made his estimate based on leaving most of the work that was done and just shoring up the edges. Jared Borg, from State of Vermont Steam alterations is overseeing the project to make sure the work meets state standards. Martin is going to reach out to Dick Hosking to see if there is any more money to add to the grant completing this work. **MOTION:** Tom made a motion to accept the bid from Dubois construction for \$40,810. John seconded the motion. All agreed. Rae abstained from voting. The Board would like Martin to bring future RFP to them first. The board also gave Martin an employee review form to look over. They would like to see it implemented at least once a year. Martin spoke about not knowing what his roll was when reviewing employees. Martin and Tom will get together in the next month to discuss this.

Martin spoke about an incident with a garbage truck hitting a fire hydrant on Fairground Road. Kingsbury has already done the work for Duxbury water fixing the hydrant. The apron was all removed which there wasn't much left to begin with. The road crew will have to be the ones who replace the apron. Martin estimates the work being around \$4000.

Martin also spoke about the 2011 pick up needing to be inspected. He feels it may need a lot of body work. He needs to find somewhere in his budget this money can come from.

Martin said Shawn, Rodney and himself are going to be attending an OSHA 10 training.

Possible move for Library/Historical Society to Town Hall: Members from the Library Trustees and Historical Society were present to continue the conversation. The Library presented everyone with a draft budget for moving and continued expenses if they were to expand services at the Town Hall. Cory recently attended a library conference where a prize was given for a free one-day consultation with Black River Design. The Waterbury library won but gave it to the Moretown library. The Library has been talking about doing a title search and having a dead weight test done at the Town Hall. Cheryl spoke about looking for grants to possibly cover cost of moving and portable shelves. Tom would like to see the possible move to go to a vote at the next Town Meeting and encouraged the Library to start doing a lot of community engagement and to include the Historical Society in this process as well. They Library and Historical Society will come to a Selectboard meeting this fall to discuss findings. Everyone is in agreeance that if the move would to happen the Town Hall would be maintained as a meeting/event space.

**Old Business:**

- Social media policy- Catrina will resend, to be discussed next meeting.
- Sub division regulations public hearing- to be held during Selectboard meeting on 7/9/18.
- **MOTION:** Rae made a motion to move the July 2<sup>nd</sup> Selectboard meeting to July 9<sup>th</sup>. Tom seconded the motion. All agreed.
- **Blodgett decision: MOTION:** At 7:50 Tom made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss contracts and relations related to legal actions. Rae seconded. All agreed. **MOTION:** At 7:55 John made a motion to end Executive Session. Jason seconded. All agreed. **MOTION:** John made a motion to accept the document as written by Paul Gillies. Rae seconded. All agreed. Ordinance will be discussed at a future date.
- **Property Tax Issues-** A discussion was had concerning the many issues coming up after the property tax map update done by CAI and the town Listers. Cherilyn was present to explain to the board she has done nothing but title searches for tax payers since the letters went out. Tom would like an email sent to CAI concerning the issues and have them and the Listers at the 7/9/18 meeting.

**Minutes from 6/4/18: MOTION-** A few grammatical errors were fixed- Rae made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, Callie seconded. All agreed.

**New Business:** none

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting has been moved from July 2<sup>nd</sup> to July 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Warrants:** AP- 18027 19645-19650; PR 18028 19651, e2773-e2785; AP 18029 19652-19680

**Documents approved** Lease/rental agreement for road side mower from HP Fairfield approved and signed by Tom Martin. Memo from Cherilyn Brown to the Selectboard RE: Transfer from, SRF to GF to pay TAN and AP expenses per voter approval on 3/6/18. The memo in the amount of \$120,000 was signed, dated and approved by Tom Martin. Overload permitted approved and signed by Tom Martin; Packard Fuels and Josh Sherman.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Tom made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 to adjourn, Rae seconded, all agreed.