

Town of Moretown
Selectboard Minutes
7/16/18

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

Board Members not present: Rae Washburn

Guest Present: Catrina Brackett, Cheryl Brown, Katie Martin (Valley Reporter). Jack Howard (HFI). Jonathan Siegel.

General Public Comment: Jack Howard was present to ask for a variance from the Selectboard concerning a fence on the property at Fairground Apartments. Cheryl spoke about Zoning not having any language about fences except for height, and that Martin had already given the ok as far as road maintenance was concerned. Jack spoke about a long history of the neighbors Patricia Bugbee parking on the Fairground Apartments property. They have a no trespass order served by the Washington County Sheriff already and now would like to put up a fence between the properties. Fairground Rd is class three road therefore the towns ROW is 24.75' from the center line. The fence would be 25' from the center of the road. The ordinance for structures is 65' set back from the center of the road. Since the fence is not a structure the application would not go to the DRB and the Selectboard has jurisdiction over roads. Cheryl suggested including language in the agreement in case the road was ever upgraded. **MOTION:** John made a motion to approve a 40' variance on the "structure" outside the 65' ordinance with the understanding if any Town work needs to be done on the road it may need to be removed. Tom seconded the motion, all agreed.

Town Administrator Report:

Preliminary draft of the tax rate for the board to review. The board requested a copy of the current budget and list of over budget expenditures.

Catrina- updated the board on the towns Facebook activity.

Reports and Communications:

John- The finance committee has set a date for a meeting on July 25th, 2018 at 8:30 am at the town office. Discussion was also had about the easement from John Dicarlo for the new catch basins. John thinks the property has been sold and we should be working with the new owners. Will check with Cheryl. John has also reached out to Caleb concerning maintenance at Arthur Buck Access and is waiting to hear back. John also talked about the culvert the new catch basins are going to hook up to, and that it appears to be on the Strauss property.

Callie- Questioned if the Fire Department should sign a social media policy. Cheryl stated they are not Town employees so are not required to, but they are on our insurance coverage. Tom would like Catrina to forward the policy to Steve and suggest he has the members sign something similar.

Old Business: Date for Selectboard, DRB, Zoning and PC to meet and discuss subdivision regulations- Monday, September 10th at 6pm.

Blodgett trail appeal by Montgomery Timber was filed with Vermont Superior Court. Jason asked if and how much money this appeal was going to cost and asked to go into executive session. **MOTION:** Tom made a motion to go into executive session at 6:45pm concerning legal matters. John seconded the motion. All agreed. **MOTION:** At 6:50 Jason made a motion to end executive session, John seconded, all agreed. No action taken

Minutes from 6/18/18: A few grammatical errors were fixed. Jason also requested the line written as “Jason feels there should be a system in place for the residents that received a tax map change letter but did not reply.” To read instead: “Jason said there should be a process in place to track the accuracy of parcels that were changed but for which had no reply.” Also pervious to this sentence when referring to the tax map letter “residents” was changed to “parcel owners”. John requested the sentence that reads “Minor being up to 3 lots...” concerning the subdivision regulations during the public hearing should be changed to “3 lots or less...”

MOTION- Tom made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, Callie seconded. All agreed.

New Business: John said they are still working on a meeting date for the financial committee. John would also like Cheryl to contact to the state regarding placing pedestrian signs by the Maynard’s residence on rt 100B.

Town Hall Bids- 3 bids were received. GW Savage for \$7530.05. They did not give an option of not replacing the cabinets by the refrigerator. Joe Gabaree for \$6150.00 option of no corner cabinets -\$425.00. CPT Construction (Chris Touchette) for \$4858.89 option of no corner cabinets -\$1674.52

MOTION: Tom made a motion to accept CPT bid with the option of not replacing the corner cabinets for \$3184.37, contingent on references. John seconded the motion. All agreed. Catrina will request references.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held 8/6/18

Warrants: AP 18034, 19715-19722

Documents approved: Overload permit for TB Lincoln Loggers Inc. Signed off on.

MOTION: Tom made a motion to reappoint Richard Valentinetti as health officer. John seconded the motion, all agreed.

Motion to Adjourn: Tom made a motion to adjourn at 7:10 pm, John seconded the motion, all agreed.