

Town of Moretown
Selectboard Minutes
09/04/18

Board Members present: Rae Washburn, John Hoogenboom (arrived 7:30), Callie Streeter, Jason Aronowitz and Tom Martin

Guest Present: Catrina Brackett, Kristen Rodgers, Erick Titurd and Martin Cameron

General Public Comment: Kristen Rodgers was present to introduced herself to the Selectboard. Kristen has submitted a letter of interest for the open Moretown seat on the HUUSD School Board. The Selectboard gets to give recommendations to the School Board. Kristen stated she had never run for the School Board before and would do so with an open mind but not be afraid to voice her opinion and stand by her opinion concerning what's best for the kids, town and district.

Reports and Communications: Catrina submitted a Historical Preservation Grant for the Town Hall windows. We should have their decision before the end of the year.

Callie spoke about the Municipal Class 4 Road Erosion Remediation Project that was held at Lynch Hill. CVRCP chose several sections of Lynch Hill due to the serious run off into Jones Brook Road where repairs and ditching had just taken place. Using BMP the road crew raised the level of the road, dug ditches and stone lined etc. All of this work was paid for from a class 4 road grant through CVRCP.

Jason spoke about a draft change Catrina/Cheryl had presented to the board previously concerning retirement and the personnel policy. Jason gave Catrina some things to look at concerning retirement age and Medicare. Jason also pointed out most small towns do not provide retirement benefits but larger towns do.

An email was received from Michelle Saffran asking if the Library could hang a banner on the columns of the Town Hall using rope for open mic night. The Selectboard said it would be fine but will check the columns afterwards to make sure there is no damage.

Tom had spoken to Ray Munn about some trees in the ROW on top of an old stone wall he would like to remove. The Selectboard has no problem with that. Ray would also like to talk to Martin about the road slowing encroaching on his property. Tom also spoke about the residents of old RT 100 being surprised by the ditching that was happening. Martin has already reached out to them so they understand why the work needed to be done.

Mad River Valley Recreational District: Erick Titrud was present for an annual report of the district. Erick spoke about some challenges with water and the hot temperatures. They are considering getting a quote for drilling a well. The listers in Waitsfield questioned if the property should be tax exempt. Since MRVRD is a municipality they are tax exempt.

Erick spoke about the pavilion already constructed and that they still have a permit for a storage building and kiosk. Use of the road on the side of Mad River Park is an ongoing issue although it is getting better with construction of a new parking lot. A neighbor Sugarhouse Sound Works

has requested use of the field for a music festival. Plans are still to be discussed. Erick referred to the grant they received limiting them to renting the property for recreational use only. The Selectboard would like to receive future MRVRD meeting minutes. Erick will forward to Catrina.

Old Business: A quote was received from NEMRC for taking over the listers duties. NEMRC already oversees all grand list, assessments and land use issues. The quote included work already performed at \$8,190/yr. plus adding the listers work of \$2625/yr. The Selectboard would like to see a copy of the original contract to compare to the new one.

New Business:

Town Hall table/chair rental: Catrina has been receiving request to borrow chairs and tables from the Town Hall. To protect the Town from having to spend money replace them, Catrina suggests charging a rental fee of \$10/table and \$3/chair which is comparable to rental companies throughout Vermont. Catrina presented the Board with a rental contract. MOTION: Tom made a motion to accept the rental contract for all future use of the Town Hall equipment. Callie seconded. All agreed.

Pony Farm retaining wall: JB received an email from David Reed representing Carroll Williamson, 1094 Pony Farm Rd. As his contractor I would like to construct a 28' long retaining wall with a 4' 6" footing which supports a 7' 6" high wall with 6" x 8" pressure treated posts, spaced 7' apart, buried in the 12" thick concrete wall. This wall will be 5' from the house and 5' from the edge of the road. The top of wall will be 2'6" above grade with the posts extending 3' 6" above the wall, making them about 3' 6" above the road surface. Enclosed is a drawing from Engineering Ventures of Burlington VT. Cheryl responded with because the proposed wall structure involves a town highway (Pony Farm) and the permanent maintenance thereof, I feel the Selectboard, Road Foreman and Zoning Administrator need to be involved in the permitting/approval. JB will weigh in from a zoning regulation standpoint and Martin will weigh in from a road maintenance standpoint. JB also agreed it was a road/Selectboard decision. Martin was present to discuss with the Selectboard that a guard rail may be a better choice. Martin will obtain a quote. Catrina will look into, if there is a grant to pay for this work.

Martin spoke about his budget. The 2011 Pickup is a McCleods for inspection and needs all new ball joints and an alignment. The road crew will be jumping around the next few weeks, tackling small projects including taking out a damaged guard rail at Gallagher acres and ditching at Feldmans and the 4 corners on Common Rd.

Finance Committee: Jason and John spoke about the Savings Reserve account at Community Bank only earning .05%. Whereas a no penalty CD at NSB would be 1.25%. They were seeking permission to move Savings Reserve account to another bank with high interest. MOTION: John made a motion to move town funds out of Community Bank to NSB or another bank that is FDIC insured. Rae seconded the motion. All Agreed.

WASI: John attended a meeting with the Waterbury Ambulance Service as well as the Duxbury Selectboard Chair. WASI is working with a \$54,700 deficit. The request was for Moretown to pay \$19 per capita for the 300ish residents they are already serving. They believe Montpelier is charging \$36.20 per capita. Catrina will gather information for the next Selectboard Meeting.

Minutes from 8/20/18: MOTION to approve the minutes was made by Rae and seconded by Callie. All agreed.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held 9/17/18. A special joint meeting is also scheduled for 9/10/18 with the DRB, PC and ZA to discuss subdivision regulations.

Warrants: PR 18402 e2846-e2856; PR 18043 e2857, AP 18044 19828-19858

Documents approved: Vermont Municipal Bond Bank Certificate of Project Completion on the Town Garage. Vermont Municipal Bond Bank Annual Certificate. Curb Cut application for Sarah and Stephan Slatter on Henning Rd. An agreement Amendment from CVRPC concerning the grant for Lynch Hill. A resignation letter from Jon Conti of the Auditor position.

Executive Session: Tom made a **MOTION** at 8:05pm to go into executive session to discuss Town Administrator replacement business siting premature general public knowledge would clearly place the persons involved at a substantial disadvantage. Rae seconded the motion. All Agreed. **MOTION:** John made a motion to exit executive session at 8:45pm. Rae seconded the motion. All agreed. **NO ACTION TAKEN.**

Motion to Adjourn: Tom made a motion to adjourn at 8:46pm. Callie seconded. All agreed.