

Town of Moretown Selectboard Minutes

11/5/2018

Board Members present: Jason Aronowitz (arrived at 6:35pm), Rae Washburn, Tom Martin, John Hoogenboom and Callie Streeter

Guest Present: Catrina Brackett, Cheryl Brown, Katie Martin, Deborah Carroll, Martin Cameron, Michelle Beard, Duane Pierson, Steve Robbins, Don Wexler and Clark Amadon, Beki Auclair, Don LaRocca and Bob Holden

General Public Comment: Deborah Carroll was present to touch base about a culvert issue on her property. Martin had inspected it and suggested the best plan of action is to hand place stones in the pooling puddle at the end of the culvert. He did not foresee any concern for winter and spring thaw. This culvert is part of the sidewalk/catch basin project that is tentatively scheduled for spring/summer for 2019. At that time the State will do a permanent fix.

Reports and Communications: John attended Tree Risk Assessment training. Looking at how people, access, etc. affect different types of trees. He plans to do a risk assessment with Martin at the Henry Lewis property. John also attended a WASI meeting and brought back financial information for the board to review. Catrina will email the packet to everyone. John did point out that they did have 2 paid professionals on staff. He got the feeling from the meeting Duxbury was not going to be contributing this year and Waterbury would continue with what they have done in the past. He also shared with WASI how to go about getting an article for Town Meeting Day. Rae questioned if there would be any repercussions if the Town did not contribute, John stated there would not be.

Tom spoke about Shane Grace contacting him about speeding on the Common Rd. Cheryl suggested speaking to CVRCP about doing a traffic study. Tom would also like to invite the new Lieutenant from the State Police Middlesex barracks to the next meeting to discuss the overall problem of speeding on back roads throughout Moretown. Tom had also discussed a new sign option for the roadside in front of the Town Office. Catrina received an estimate from Wood & Wood for \$1800 to \$2000. Tom suggested adding that into the budget and getting quotes for installation in the spring.

Cheryl received word from VTRANS that moving the speed limit sign or installing pedestrian signage is not warranted on RT 100B by the Maynard Snack Bar. She is looking into borrowing or renting a speed cart from another Town.

An invitation was received from the Boy Scouts to attend a flag retirement ceremony at Couples Field at 10am on Veterans Day 11/11/18.

Information was received from VLCT concerning Thomas Cheney a resident of Moretown who had an accident on River Road back in 2016. They received a demand letter from Attorney and VLCT will be drafting a response.

Two emails were received from Mary Murphy. The person who cleans the office. Her rates will go up \$10 per cleaning in 2019, for a total of \$70 per time. She also quoted a price to clean all the windows inside and out for \$400 **MOTION:** Tom made a motion to have Mary clean the windows. Seconded by John. All agreed.

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1. Subdivision Regulation re-draft 10/16/18 was sent to Paula and David for comments. Further comments were due today. Subdivision draft will be on the 11/19 agenda for SB review and possibly set a hearing date if going forward with a TM article. The Board would like The Zoning Administrator (John Weir) to attend the next meeting as well.
2. HUUSD - weighting vote has been corrected to reflect the correct population. The end result is Waterbury & Duxbury have a total of 49.8% weight; Fayston, Moretown, Waitsfield, Warren have a total of 50.2%.

Town	Board Members	Population	Individual Vote Weight	Total Vote Weight	
Duxbury	2	1,337	4.6 5.20	9.2 pts.	10.4
Fayston	2	1,353	4.6 5.25	9.2 pts.	10.5
Moretown	2	1,658	5.6 6.45	11.2 pts.	12.9
Waitsfield	2	1,883 1719	6.4 6.7	12.8 pts.	13.4
Warren	2	1,705	5.6 6.7	11.6 pts.	13.4
Waterbury	4	6,827 5064	11.5 9.85	46.0 pts.	39.4
Total	14	14,763 12,836		100 pts.	

Old Business: Finance Committee update- Members of the committee were present to speak of the work they have done and talk to the Board about rewriting the bylaws of their committee (investment policy). They will draft them and send them via email to the Selectboard to approve.

New Business: Martin spoke about revisiting the Memorandum of Understanding with the School for work the Town is doing in regards to the parking lot and rec fields.

Kiosk: Don and Clark presented the boards with the Mad River Byway informational kiosks that were conceived in 2010. Irene and other issues have kept them (Byway Committee) from installing the signs. The Selectboard will think about where the signs should go in the Town. Don and Clark will stop by the office next week.

Budget work was continued on the **2019 budget**. Martin was present to discuss the Road Department. He requested a 4th full time person be added to the road crew. The Rec Committee was present to discuss their budget request.

Next Meeting: November 19th, 2018 at the Town Office

Minutes: MOTION: John made a motion to approve the minutes from 10/15/2018, seconded by Tom. All agreed.

Warrants: PR18052- 19981-19985, e2891-e2903. AP18053- 19986-20007. AP18054- 20008-20019. AP18005- 20020-20040.

Documents Approved: None at this time

Executive Session: MOTION: Tom made a motion to enter into executive session at 8:23pm for the appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee, to discuss the Town Administrators position, seconded by John. All agreed.

MOTION: Tom made a motion to exit executive session at 8:54pm, seconded by Ray. All agreed. **NO ACTION TAKEN**

Motion to Adjourn: Tom made a motion to adjourn at 8:55pm. Rae seconded, all agreed.