

Town of Moretown  
Selectboard Minutes

12/03/2018

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

**Board Members not present:** Rae Washburn

**Guest Present:** Catrina Brackett, Cheryl Brown, Katie Martin, Lt. David White (VSP), Erin Affronti, Garrett Bergey, Michele Beard, Deb Feldman and Mike Woods

**Tom called the meeting to order at 6:00pm**

**Lt. White VSP (speeding concerns):** Lt. White let the Board know they have responded to 184 in 2018 so far. Out of that number 40ish were traffic violations. Tom spoke about receiving concerns about speeding on rt 100B as well as rt 2 by Gallagher Acres, but most recently on Common Rd. The Lt. said the best thing to do is see something say something by calling the station at 229-9191. Posting to FB or anywhere online is not an efficient tool for immediate response. The Lt. also spoke about placing a speed cart in town in the spring. Jason asked about commercial trucks (garbage trucks) speeding on roads. The Lt. said they need truck or licenses plate numbers in order to follow up.

**General Public Comment:** Michele Beard was present representing the Rec Committee. She wanted to let the Board know a couple members of the Rec Committee will be working on conservation concerns.

**TA Report:** None at this time.

**Reports and Communications: John:** Attended the Valley leadership Meeting. Very informative with updates on Ridge to River, Storm Water Management, Road crew round tables and the Mad River Rec Committee. Who recognized that Moretown will be contributing \$1500 towards maintenance of the fields and pointed out that while enrollment in the Middle and High School has declined the Elementary Schools are holding steady.

**Ward Land:** A parcel of land which is 1.55 acres. The Town has the right to first refusal. It borders the river and 3 other properties including a Town ROW. Erin and Garrett have a purchase and sales agreement pending the Boards decision. They are in agreeance with the Board and would like to see the area remain open and available for the public to access, as well as the Fire Department. Tom would like Ron Shems to weigh in on how the Town should go about retaining a permanent public ROW for the parcel. Ron will be contacted Tuesday. A decision is needed by 12/15/18.

**NEMRC quote for listers assistance:** Both Deb and Mike are in favor of more assistance from NEMRC. The Last couple of years have been unusual as far as the number of hours they are putting in, due to current use changes, tax maps etc. NEMRC will also be able to work remoting as the new contract provides for remote access though the cloud. After the tax map correction are finished for this year, going forward will only be properties that change hands.

**Road Crew 4<sup>th</sup> position decision:** Martin had presented to the Board reasons for hiring on a 4<sup>th</sup> road crew member previously. Stefan Pratt has already been working part time for the Town as a seasonal employee. The dollar amount it would cost to make Stefan full time is \$34,058 in salary and benefits. This includes only 10 more hours a week as 30 hours are already included in this year's budget. **MOTION:** John made a motion to hire Stefan Pratt full time at 40 hours a week in the Road Crew position for 2019. Seconded by Callie. **DISCUSSION:** Jason just wanted to point out how this impacts the rest of the budget. Callie spoke about all the new and upcoming requirements concerning storm water run off and a 4<sup>th</sup> person would be necessary. All approved.

**Old Business:**

**WASI:** A letter was received from Mark asking the Board to reconsider the offer of \$4,322.37 instead of the \$5,366.55 they requested. John didn't think the math added up. Catrina and Cheryl will review it before the next meeting.

**Sidewalks:** Deb Carrol has concerns of the size of the catch basin project on her land which was added to the sidewalk project. Tom would like her, Pat Travers and Doug Henson to attend the next meeting to figure out a solution.

**New Business:** None

**Next Meeting:** December 17, 2018 at the Town Office

**Minutes: MOTION:** Tom made a motion to approve the minutes of 11/19/18. Seconded by John. All agreed, Jason obtained because he was not in attendance for that meeting.

**Warrants:** PR 18059 e2916-e2926; AP 18060 20093-20098; AP 18061 20099-2017. CK# 20118-20122 VOIDED due to printing error.

**Documents Approved:** Overload permit for 2019: Vermont Well and Pump

Errors and Omissions 2018 Grand List

Parcel ID: 02-015.000

Owners Name: Mad River Timberland LLC

Change the taxable value to \$35,612

Reason: Correct Land Use violation.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Tom made a motion to adjourn at 8:00pm. John seconded, all agreed.