

## Town of Moretown Selectboard Minutes

1/7/2019

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

**Guest Present:** Catrina Brackett, Katie Martin (Valley Reporter), Martin Cameron, Elizabeth Burk, Gabe Gilman, Linda Hazard and Cherilyn Brown

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

**General Public Comment:** Elizabeth Burt was present to speak to the Board about their expectations for the Library presentation at Town Meeting. The Board would like it to include budget, floor plans and results from the survey. Elizabeth requested a projector and screen which Tom said he was happy to supply. Elizabeth also said the Library had received an offer from the Green Mountain Sculpture School to build some free custom furniture.

**Deb Carroll and Pat Travers- catch basin concerns:** Rescheduled to February

**Cherilyn- Budget:** Cherilyn requested executive session to discuss salary.

**MOTION:** Tom made a motion to enter into executive session at 6:15 for the appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee. Seconded by Rae. **MOTION:** A motion to end executive session was made by Tom at 6:30 and seconded by Jason. **ACTION:** John stated Cherilyn's salary for Town Clerk will be increased to \$42,848 per year and Town Treasurer to \$10,712 yearly.

**Martin/Pick-up article-** Martin was present to speak to the Board concerning replacing the 2011 pickup. Martin feels a One-Ton dump would be more suited for the road crew needs. Martin has received estimates for \$25-\$30k for the equipment (tailgate sander) and \$40k for the truck itself. He feels this truck may last 7-8 years but if the Board would like to maintain a trade in value 5-6 years would be better. Martin also noted the new truck would have a headboard on the bed unlike the current truck where salt can get in between the cab and bed.

**Grader/Excavator-** The grader needs around \$20k in work and needs to be sent out as soon as possible. The excavator is budgeted for \$10 in more work to include the drive repair and cost of a one-month rental. No decision was made.

**Hurdle Road-** Frank Piazas hedge has yet to be cut back sufficient enough for plows to navigate safely. The Board advised Martin to cut back as much as he needs. They have worked with Frank several times concerning this issue.

**Moretown School Column-** Martin spoke about hearing about the damage to the column the same time the office and Board did. He can't say 100% Stefan didn't do it

but honestly believes Stefan would have spoken to him the day it happened if he had caused the damage. Martin also stated it was physically impossible for the snowblower to do the damage. The School has surveillance cameras and the Board has requested the videos. Gabe and Linda were present for this conversation, the state the School board had not been notified but they would be happy to bring it to them if need be. Tom is reaching out to Mandy the Elementary principle.

**Lovers Lane-** There has been an ongoing problem with people parking on the side of the road by a new house site. Residents have complained and its unsafe for the road crew. Martin has meet with the general contractor many times concerning this. The Board advised Martin to inform the state Police next time there is an issue.

**School Board News-** Linda and Gabe were present to do their quarterly check in as promised in a previous meeting. Linda has been doing research into the birth records projection until 2028. In order of student growth Thatcher Brook, Moretown, Waitsfield, Warren then Fayston. Gabe spoke abut Moretown benefiting from its proximity to the Burlington/Montpelier corroder. They both spoke about the budget season and the school board taking a step back to create a vision for the entire district. Gabe said the Town Clerks had gotten together to request a school in-service the day of election day from now on. The superintendents meeting is this Friday where Bridget Neese will present it to them.

### **Reports and Communications:**

John- The Friends of Northfield Ridge would like time to meeting with the Selectboard in February concerning their ideas for the large parcels for sale off Moretown Mountain rd.

John also asked Cheryl to forward the email of the final ranking process for stormwater sites within Moretown as part of the Stormwater Master Plan, from CVRPC.

John also spoke about Ron Wards passing and that Board will be making a \$50 donatio0n to the Mad River Ambulance in his name.

An email was received from Deb Feldman stating since she turned in her resignation letter things have changed for her and she doesn't want to leave the Town shorthanded. She has now committed to work until the 2019 grand list is lodged. **MOTION:** Tom made a motion to reappoint Deb Feldman as a lister until the 2019 grand list is lodged, seconded by John. All Agreed.

Chris Butch sent an email talking about how other towns do not require a signed petition every year for a non-for-profit to be on the Town Meeting ballot asking for a donation. Instead they only have to do a petition once and then a letter in subsequent years. The Board would like this discussion to happen at Town Meeting and see what the resident's opinion is.

**Town Hall Painting-** Catrina gave the Board a new RFP for exterior paint at the Town Hall. Tom was upset that the Town is now in this position because of John

Gaboury/Purdy Painting Services LLC not for filling what he had already been paid for. The Board would like a bill sent to him for \$1000 for unfinished work he was already paid for.

### **Town Administrators Report**

1. Reminder that the Selectboard report for the town report is due to Auditors by January 11<sup>th</sup>. Articles are due by 1/17/19 (budget). Officer petitions and consent forms are due by January 28<sup>th</sup>. Catrina spoke about seeing other Towns post on fpf the positions that are up for re-election and vacant, she also did a training with the Secretary of state which suggested posting them. The Board agrees it should be posted online.
2. Deb Carroll catch basin easement – postponed to 2/4 meeting. Chris Hunt is working behind the scene with Deb on her concerns with the easement deed/plan as written. Her concern is the magnitude of replacing the culvert which lies on her land.
3. Montgomery Timber appeal – appellants interrogatory questions need to be answered by one town approved agent, and identified (#1 page 8) and identified as such. The person chosen should be a person bonded by our town insurance ie: an officer. The response to answers needs to be notarized before presented to the court. Tom will reach out to Ron Shems and Mike Tarrant, the Town attorneys.
4. Town hall use – Are we charging for town hall rentals now? Moretown residents may still ask for a reduced fee or to be excused from the rental fee. \$1485 in revenue. Custodial wages \$1296. Yes, charging for rentals.

**Old Business:** None at this time.

**Budget work:** Conducted and will be finished at a special meeting next Monday.

**New Business:** None at this time.

**Town Administrator Discussions: MOTION:** Rae made a motion at 9:15pm to enter into executive session for labor relations agreements with employees, where premature general public knowledge would clearly place the municipality or person involved at a substantial disadvantage. Seconded by Callie. All Agreed. **MOTION:** Tom made a motion to end executive session at 10:07pm, seconded by Callie. All Agreed

**Next Meetings: SPECIAL MEETING for budget and Town Administrator position January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019.** January 22, 2019 TUESDAY, due to MLK Jr on Monday the 21st

**Minutes: MOTION:** John made a motion to accept both 12/17/18 meeting minutes as written, seconded by Callie. All agreed.

**Warrants: PR 18064 e2940-e2951 ck 20161-20163; AP 18065 ck 20164-20190; PR 19001 e2952-e2962; AP 19002 ck20191-2962**

**Documents Approved:** Curb cut for Bill Kehoe on South Hill Rd. Also, two for H&H real estate at Gallagher Acres. A new MOU between HUUSD and the Town for \$12,000 which is up from the original \$10,000. Errors and Omissions: Parcel ID 04-018.000, Demingware et al., Changed the taxable value to \$141,800, because it was combined with parcel 04-019.000, same owners. Which makes parcel ID 04-019.000 inactive. The Board commented they would like to see the change in \$ amount on Errors and Omissions. The 2019 Tax Anticipation Note.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Tom made a motion to adjourn at 10:08pm. Callie seconded, all agreed.