

**Town of Moretown  
Selectboard Minutes  
4/1/2019**

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

**Guest present:** Catrina Brackett, Cheryl Brown, Katie Martin, Stefan Pratt, Martin Cameron, Craig Oshkello, Shane Grace, Jonathan Siegel, Karen Horn and Carl Wimble

**Meeting was called to order** at 6:00 pm by Tom M.

**Town Administrator report:**

1. Community Assistance Audit / Emergency Relief and Assistance Fund (ERAF) – according to Ned Swanberg, Central Vermont Floodplain Manager, Moretown needs to adopt River Corridor Protection in order to receive the full 17.5% ERAF post disaster funding from the State of Vermont. Currently we are eligible for 12.5%. I suggest having Ned Swanberg, David Specht, PC and DRB in for a meeting to help define the difference between a River Corridor Protection versus FEMA Community Rating System.
2. At a meeting on 3/18/19, VLCT/Jill Muhr suggested revisions to the Personnel Policy, in part to improve the language, and to add new language as the laws changed. A VLCT model personnel policy as reviewed by legal was provided. I will work on a draft.
3. Revised 2019 Selectboard Appointments for motion.
4. Charles O. Davis help request.

**Sidewalk/catch basin update-** Pat is working on the property tax transfers completed.

**Tax Maps-** A resident asked at Town Meeting if the new tax maps could be available online. The Selectboard would like Cherilyn to provide them with a break down of income that would be lost if they were online, and what the cost would, if any, for the town to put them online.

**Reports and Communications-** John said he was planning to attend the Leahy Environmental Summit in Burlington. Rae questioned if John requested reimbursement for mileage when he attends things like this. John stated it wasn't necessary. The next Road Roundtable on Wednesday April 17<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 11am at the Waitsfield Town office.

An email was received from Martin stating he received a call from Katherine Freidman, a resident from South Hill, complaining and being verbally abusive to Martin concerning the mud. Tom stated he was trying to get ahold of her to let her know she was not to contact anyone on the road crew again and to contact the Selectboard or come into a meeting in the future.

Catrina Brackett informed the Selectboard the rim of her 2019 Kia had been damaged by a large rock getting stuck between the control arm and rim, puncturing the rim on Sunday.

She requested the Town help her buy a new rim which was quoted at \$500. Tom said no, sighting a policy against doing so.

Another email from Martin was received concerning Jeremy Champney in regard to some community service hours he needed to complete. Martin said there was a lot of stuff he could help with. The Board agreed that Jeremy could help out Moretown with community service.

**Craig Oshkello-** Requested a (private) road name change from Meadow Lane to Living Tree Lane for the development. **MOTION:** Tom approved the road name change from Meadow Lane to Living Tree Lane as long as also approved by the E911 coordinator. Callie seconded. All agreed.

**Cheryl requested an executive session to discuss the Charles O Davis Fund. MOTION:** Tom made a motion at 6:35 to enter executive session after making a specific finding that premature public knowledge would clearly place the person involved at a substantial disadvantage. Seconded by Callie. All agreed. **MOTION:** Rae made a motion to end executive session at 6:45pm. Seconded by Callie. All Agreed. **ACTION:** A motion was made by Rae and seconded by Callie to approve Cheryl write a check from the Charles O Davis fund for \$250. Jason voted nay, stating he was happy the Town could help but didn't believe this is an appropriate use of the Charles O. Davis fund. Passed 4-1.

**Executive Session: MOTION:** Tom made a motion to go in to Executive Session at 6:46pm for the appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee, provided the public body shall make a final decision to hire or appoint a public officer or employee in an open meeting and shall explain the reasons for its final decision in an open meeting, seconded by Callie, all agreed. **MOTION:** Tom made a motion to end executive session at 7:00pm, seconded by Callie, all agreed.

**Shane Grace/Animal Control Officer report-** Shane said he was working on getting better at keeping track of the calls he received. Most often the issue can be resolved over the phone. He also stated nothing out of the ordinary has come up in the last year. He said he gives people a lot of warnings and is going to start issuing fines for habitual violators. The Selectboard requested a photo of any future written reports be sent to them.

**Planning Commission re:** An official written request for adoption of interim subdivision bylaws was presented to the Selectboard by the Planning Commission. Karen and Jon were both present. A public hearing will be scheduled for the May 20<sup>th</sup> Selectboard meeting to hear public comment, with the intent of adopting the interim bylaws for subdivision regulations. Carl Wimble pointed out the website still read the bylaws had already been passed. This will be removed.

**Truck Bids-** Four sealed bids were received, and one by email. After discussion the Board requested Martin to do more research into the trucks and a decision will be made during the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Martin also informed the Board he had sent out bid requests for hauling sand. Bids are due 4/15/19.

**Minutes- MOTION:** John made a motion to approve the 3/18/19 Selectboard meeting minutes. Callie seconded. All agreed.  
Next Meeting dates- May 4<sup>th</sup> and May 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Review Documents for Approval:** Wood and Wood sign contract.  
NorthStar fireworks contract and permit for Morefest.

**Overload permits for the following:**

- Suburban Propane
- Casella Construction
- Tim Thompson Trucking
- Walker Construction
- Gauthier Trucking Co
- Masterson & Son Excavation
- Pike Industries
- GW Tatro Construction
- Structures RBR Inc
- Harrison Redi-Mix Corp
- Donald Giroux Trucking

Casella Waste Management

Curtis Lumber Co

Bacon Trucking

RP Frost DBA Vermont well and pump

**Warrants:** AP#19016 ck#20327. PR#19017 eck3108-eck3029 and ck#20328

**Tom made a motion to adjourn** at 8pm. Seconded by Callie. All agreed.