

Moretown Select board Meeting Minutes – 4/17/17

Meeting opened at 6:00 by Tom M. All board Members present: Tom Martin, John Hoogenboom, Rae Washburn, Jason Aronowitz, and Tom Badowski.

Guests include: Jonathan Siegel, Cory Stephenson, Meridith Whitney, John Malter, Jon Skates, Stefan Pratt, Catrina Brackett, Cheryl Brown, and Michelle Beard.

Public Comment:

- Jonathan Siegel urged SB to utilize gravel budget ASAP.
- Cory Stephenson introduced Meridith Whitney as new Assistant Librarian.

Minutes 4/3/17 approved as written 4-0, Tom B. abstaining. John Moved, Rae seconded.

Reports, Communications, and Announcements-

- John attended CVRPC Flood Study Meeting. They recognized Doctors Brook as the most vulnerable followed by the RT. 2 / Winooski river corridor. John indicated that Stefan was present and contributed to the discussion.
- Jason continues to look into the Scenic Road designation for the Town roads. He will be checking with the Regional Planning Commission to see if they have the maps indicating the designation.
- The Board Congratulates Duane Pierson as VT Elementary School Principal of the Year.
- Jonathan invited all to Planning Commission meeting on 5/2. The meeting will take place at the Town Hall and the Topic of discussion will focus on Village Center Designation. The PC thought an update on sidewalk project would be a good idea as well.
- Martin Cameron (Road Foreman) sent email asking board to address the Demas Road/Lover's Lane extension. Per Road policy and precedent the board voted 5-0 (Tom B. moved John 2nd) to discontinue plowing/sanding this section of road. Cheryl will send certified letters to the residents to make them aware and to prepare.
- Martin also proposed removing the ball field fence. Everyone agreed that it either needs to be repaired or removed. The board would like Cheryl to get written clarification from Duane Pierson on his position of fence, an estimate to repair, and if there are any other stake holders- (Rec committee, Ball Club, etc.)

Jon Skates from Casella Waste Management provided information about the costs associated with joining the CVSWMD versus the Mad River Alliance. As a budget line item, town could save money. However a surcharge (\$30 a ton) would be charged to the haulers thus passed on to the Moretown consumer. Based on the 2016 tonnage, Moretown residents would have spent an additional \$30,000 on trash if we belonged to the CVSWMD vs the Mad River Alliance. John Malter also spoke to some of the other benefits of the Mad River Alliance including the hazardous waste drops, public education, convenience, and compliance with State laws. The board will continue to work with the Mad River Waste Alliance.

Trash talk included Act 148 and some of the mandates-Jason suggested that small towns should get a waiver. All agreed. Tom B suggested that we write a letter to our representatives-Jon Skates will provide some talking points.

Catrina Brackett interviewed for assistant position and was hired. The Board went into Executive Session (Tom M moved, Rae 2nd) to discuss to employee compensation. Cheryl Brown (Town Administrator) was invited to sit in. Tom M moved to get out of Executive Session, John 2nd. The board agreed to offer \$14.00 an hour. After 6 months we will have a review and can adjust up to \$15.69 per hour.

Old Business:

- Michelle Beard (Mad River Valley Rec District liaison) reported that Moretown will have seat on Mad River Park subcommittee. In addition, annual maintenance fee of approximately \$1,600 will be Moretown's responsibility. Jason suggested cap on annual fee. Michelle will look into that as well as when first maintenance fee is due. The board also make it clear that due to the financial constraints of the town, other than the annual maintenance fee (mowing & insurance) they would not be able to budget any money for other fees or assessments. The board also suggested that the Moretown Rec committee explore the feasibility of joining the MRVRD. The Select board also thanked Michele for her work on the committee.
- John reported that Clark's Truck Center accepted proposal (\$70,970) for 2017 international as-built. John is getting info on extended warranties. Tom B. wanted to be sure that Clark's provide a Preventative Maintenance list and demonstration. John will follow-up. Cherilyn should start looking into financing.
- Stefan Pratt visited board to express continued desire for full-time employment and to thank the board for the opportunity to train on the job.
- Tom B. presented a list of Economic Development Talking points to the board;
 - ☑ Broad Band Expansion
 - ☑ Village Center Designation
 - ☑ Revitalizing Waterbury Partnership
 - ☑ Middlesex Partnership
 - ☑ On and Off Road Village Bike/River Touring Trail and Shop
 - ☑ Sewage Moretown Village
 - ☑ Sewage Route 2
 - ☑ Zoning Village
 - ☑ Zoning Route 2
 - ☑ Tax Stabilization Policy
 - ☑ Town Land Inventory, Appraisal and Land Use Options
 - ☑ Economic Development SWAT Team
 - ☑ Vermont Council of Rural Development Community
 - Visits<http://vtrural.org/programs/community-visits/about>

The Economic development committee will develop a vision statement and prioritize the talking points.

New Business:

- Bids for hauling sand were opened;
 - Adam Stone Trucking \$5.25 per yard
 - Griffin & Griffin \$4.54 per yard

Rae moved, John 2nd and the board voted 5-0 to award sand hauling bid to Griffin & Griffin. The board agreed with Rae to see if Griffin & Griffin would be interested in extending the contract for an additional year.

- Bids for Mowing were opened;
 - Potter Property Management \$12,500
 - Eric Howes Property Management \$11,250

Rae moved, John 2nd and board voted 5-0 to enter Executive session for contract discussion. Rae moved, John 2nd to exit executive session.

John moved, Tom B. 2nd and the board voted 5-0 to accept Eric Howes Property Management for mowing. In addition, next year the board will revise the mowing RFP to include other mowing/cost options.

Documents Signed;

- Curb cut for Chris & Cory Stephenson on Pony Farm Road was signed. Tom B. inquired as to the process and standards applied when issuing a Curb cut permit. Rae explained that we use the VT Trans standards. Tom B. would like to see other Towns have other procedures and standards.
- Select board orders signed #17017 eck #2425-2436 and ck#18664-18665; and #17018 ck#18666 -18701, and shown to be consecutive with the last warrant issued.
- Several overload permits were signed.

9:05 PM Rae moved, Tom M. 2nd to adjourn. 5-0.