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Town of Moretown
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
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Guest Present: Cathy and Mark Diego, Catrina Brackett and Cheryl Brown

Full Board present: Tom Martin, Tom Badowski, Rae Washburn, John Hoogenboom, Jason Aronowitz

Meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by Tom M.

No public comment at this time.

Cheryl was present to give her town administrators report. She let the board know the ERP grant for the parking lot/storm water project had been submitted on July 5, 2017 and should hear about the decision around July 28, 2017. She also spoke about the Municipal Highway storm water restoration grant. It would take care of the catch basin part of the project if the town was not approved for the ERP grant. The board said to go ahead with the application.

Cheryl also spoke about the second quarter of the budget. Stating no unexplained line item overages at this time. She also spoke that the recreation field mowing was also over budget by \$800 already. The school will pay half of that. But that it is still less money than paying the town road crew to do it.

A virus hit the town office computers though an email that looked like it came from the USPS. Tom B asked if insurance would cover the cost. Jason also questioned the anti virus. This virus also hit the State, VT Law School, CVH etc. Cheryl explained the town has a contract with NEMRC so everything is backed up by them. The cost came from NEMRC and Butternut Systems to perform the fix. The total cost was about \$900

\$14,789 has been spent for designing on the parking lot grant so far. The school has paid for half of it. All but \$122 has been reimbursed which is Cheryl's time.

An agreement amendment from Green Mountain Engineering, Inc concerning the parking lot/storm water project to increase the contract from \$19,780 to \$33,520 (\$9850 town and \$3800 school). Jason felt there was not enough detail in the new amendment and would like more clarification. Jason will send an email to Cheryl and she will forward it to them.

Cheryl asked the board sign off on the invoice from Mad River Valley Recreation District (MRVRD) for \$31,250, that the voters approved at town meeting by article #10, for the purchase of the Kingsbury park land.

Tom B made a motion to pay MRVRD \$31,250. John seconded. All voted in favor.

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Tom M let the rest of the board know that the lease agreements for lacrosse and soccer at Mad River park were available if anyone wanted to review them, but he felt they were appropriate.

Cheryl then presented her work to set the Municipal tax rate.

Based on her tax rate work sheet:

Residential Tax Rate- Town 0.52114 and School 1.5759 **TOTAL: \$2.09704**

NON-Residential Tax Rate- Town 0.52114 and School 1.5581 **TOTAL: \$2.07924**

Tom B. wanted it noted that he did calculations as well where he took out the one-time payment for the Mad River Park of \$31,250 and paying back the deficit of \$159,271, which would change the Residential tax rate (town) from 0.52214 to 0.43569 for a net lower difference of 0.08645.

The purchase of the Mad River park was passed by voters; and the board felt it was good/necessary to pay back the capital fund the \$160,000 borrowed in full. Both the \$31,250 and the deficit remain in the tax rate equation as was on the worksheet.

Rae made a motion to accept the new tax rate at Residential \$2.09704 and Non-Residential at \$2.07924.

John seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Cheryl also spoke about the amount of \$37,447 in the CPA's financial report. The State of Vermont paid the town for replacement of box culverts on Ward Brook that FEMA was not going to cover in 2011, but then about a year later FEMA did send a check to cover the culvert. The board decided if the state sends an invoice requesting repayment of the \$37,447, the town will pay it back.

\$27,403 in the town office project is also in the financial report, because the CPA believes the town will receive reimbursement through the grant. But Cheryl explained this is the town's share from building the town office that the town is responsible for, and there will be no reimbursement. An journal entry will be made at year end to zero out the town office project.

Cheryl also presented an estimate from Peak Mechanical, LLC to fix the humidity issue in the town office vault. Even though the board and Cheryl believe the architect will need to pay some of this bill, Tom B. made a motion to accept the estimate from Peak Mechanical for \$6,850. John seconded. All voted in favor. Bill Maclay from Maclay Architect was unable to attend tonight's meeting. He will reschedule.

Tom M would like Cheryl to have JB (zoning administrator) look into the zoning at Grow Compost. Because an article in the paper was brought to the boards attention speaking to a new contract they had, and therefore may need to be zoned commercial not agricultural. Tom B. suggested JB should speak with Stephanie Smith from the Department of Agriculture.

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Several board members expressed their concern about the stop light at the one-way bridge (south of Moretown village), being much shorter than it used to be and only having enough time to let 3 cars through which is leading to several people running the red light. Cheryl will also pass this along to JB McCarty of ATrans.

Cathy and Mark Diego were present to speak about needing help on Brownsville Road, a class 4 road. They said several years ago, the town dug out gravel on a property on the road, to use on town roads. During the hauling, they drove on the road with their equipment and trucks crushing and splitting several culverts. The Diego's have fixed them several times. But recently during the July 4th storm, the culverts failed and the road was badly damaged.

Due to this emergency storm repair, the town will give the Diego's 3 culverts and two loads of gravel so they can fix the road. The work will be done by the Brownsville Road residents.

The board discussed updating and drafting language to change the class 4 road policy, as it pertains to permitting conditions for new residences on class IV roads ie: maintaining the road at their expense. There will be a public forum for input.

Jason asked if Cheryl could talk to Martin again about the maintenance truck schedule.

Rae made a motion to accept the June, 19,2017 meeting minutes. Tom B seconded. All voted in favor.

Rae made a motion to accept the July 5, 2017 special meeting minutes as amended to change B-41 to B-71 State Standards. John seconded. Tom M, Rae and John voted in favor. Tom B and Jason weren't present for the 7/5 meeting, but approved the minutes as written.

Tom B spoke about meeting with Clark Amadon with Trout Unlimited. Maybe making a designation in Moretown for catch and release fly fishing.

John spoke about the Ridge 2 River road crew meeting, saying it went well.

Jason spoke about the road side mowing that had been done along Rt. 100B. He stated he was not pleased with how high the grass got before it was mowed or the result of mowing. He would like Cheryl to send an email to the company stating that.

Holding a public forum was discussed to not only address the class 4 road policy but other projects the board members have been working on. The next month with 5 Mondays is October. They will plan a public forum for then.

Warrant for approval: PR # 17030-e2483-e24792; AP#17031 ck# 18833-18845; PR# 17032-e2493-e2503

AP# 17033 ck# 18846-18878; AP # 17034 ck# 18879-18907

Rae made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm. John seconded the motion. All voted in favor.