

**Town of Moretown
Selectboard Minutes
12/4/2017**

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

Guest present: Catrina Brackett, Cheryl Brown, Stefan Pratt, Jon Siegel and John Malter

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

General Public Comment: None at this time.

Town Administrators report: Cheryl reminded the board they have yet to decide on Eric Howes mowing bid. Tom M has spoken to Eric and a decision will be made by January. Cheryl also mentioned articles from the Fire Department and Highway Department that will be on the agenda next meeting. Cheryl will also draft an article to borrow money from the towns Savings Reserve instead of using a tax anticipation note. The board budgeted \$4000 in interest should the voters decided to approve the article, which would be paid back in the same year after taxes are received. Cheryl reported the Recreation Department will not be applying for any grants this year. Cheryl also informed the board she started the conversation with the library folks about relocating to the downstairs of the Town Hall. No feedback yet.

Reports and Communication: Central Vermont Medical Center - An invitation was received for a reception being held for the new CVMC president.

An email from John Riley was received requesting reappointment to the DRB. **MOTION:** Tom B made a motion to approve John Riley's appointment. John seconded the motion. All agreed.

Town Hall Business: Stefan was present to update the board on removal of the floor tile downstairs. Removal is complete and cleaned up as much as possible. There was water underneath, but no mold. Nicom has provided a quote for sealing and painting the concrete. Catrina will also contact Joe Gabaree for other opinions and/or quote to seal and paint.

Mad River Resource Alliance report and Budget: Both John Malter and Jon Siegel were present to share how their year had gone. They held two Household Hazardous waste collections this year; collecting 31 gallons and 21 thousand pounds of hazardous waste. The alliance dues for next year will remain as 2017, at \$9,948 for Moretown (\$6 per capita). A full report will be in this year's town report. Discussion followed about the need for hazardous drop sites, and that maybe the funds spent on them could be better spent elsewhere. John M. was clear that he thinks the hazardous waste drops are beneficial. Cheryl will contact Karen Horn to check with her what changes are being discussed in the Legislature.

2018 Budget: Budget work was continued. A 2% raise across the board was approved for all town employees. The board would like to have JB Weir come in 12/18/2017 to discuss his budget. Beforehand

they would like to see an accounting of how his hours are spent. The board would also like Cheryl to put in writing her plan for the next few years for working.

Cheryl indicated she would like to continue working for the town for 20 hours per week after retirement, possibly managing the town grants. Cheryl is working 30 hours/week now. The board asked Catrina and Cheryl to supply them with information on why Catrina's hours should be expanded.

Old Business:

Grow Compost: Tom M let the Board know Ron Shems is trying to set up a meeting with Diane Snelling Chair of the Natural Resources, possibly for later this week.

Economic Development: Catrina supplied Tom B with a list of Town owned property which Tom B feels could be used for further development. The spreadsheet was given to the rest of the Board to review.

Approval of 11/20/2017 meeting minutes: A motion was made by Tom B to approve the minutes as amended to include: John noted the steering committee at the leadership meeting had spoken to him about Moretown paying half the membership fee (\$42,000) of \$21,000 a year. Rae seconded the motion. All agreed as amended.

New Business: None at this time.

Review Documents for Approval:

A request from a tax payer was approved to wave the late filling penalty charged for homestead taxes.

A Memorandum of Understand was approved for emergency medical service between Moretown and Montpelier.

John requested a motion to wave the fee for the Town Hall rental for a celebration of life this weekend.

MOTION: Rae made a motion to wave the fee. Rae seconded. All agreed

Warrants: AP #17056, 19208-19218 and PR #17055 e2605-e2615

Rae made a motion to adjourn at 8:30pm. Tom M seconded the motion. All agreed