

**Town of Moretown  
Selectboard Minutes  
12/18/2017**

**Board Members present:** John Hoganboom, Tom Martin, Tom Badowski and Rae Washburn

**Board Members not present:** Jason Aronowitz

**Guest present:** Catrina Brackett, Martin Cameron, Larry McEnany (Nortrax), John Weir, Karen Sharpwolf and Helen Banevicious.

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

**General Public Comment:** None at this time.

**Town Administrators report:** None at this time

**Reports and Communication:**

John had attended a Ridge to River and Storm water management meeting. He recommended Martin Cameron for the contact person for stormwater management.

Cheryl provided the Act 46 proposal by Bridgett Nease, Superintendent to discuss. Tom B felt the Selectboard needed to stay ahead of the curve in terms of the future for Moretown School. The Board would like the Moretown Reps at the next Selectboard meeting.

Tom M Spoke about him and John meeting with Diane Snelling the chair of Natural resources for the State of Vermont concerning Grow Compost. Tom M explained to them the timeline of everything that has been going on concerning Act 250. Diane was very surprised at the lack of communication from the State and Grow Compost to the town. They requested she would advocate on the towns behalf. A decision was not made at the time.

A message was left on Cheryl's voicemail to the Selectboard concerning a Town plow truck not pulling over and stopping when an Ambulance with flashing lights and sirens was behind it on rte 100B, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Martin was the driver and was at the meeting. He said that was on the down hill by Old Rte 100, got over as close to the guardrail as safely possible then stopped at the bottom of the hill. Martin said it would have been impossible to stop the fully loaded truck safely any other way. He spoke to the MRV ambulance.

Highway Budget: Martin Cameron was present and spoke about the cost of a roller being purchased for the skidder. A name brand product called walk n roll runs about \$20,000 and has several wheels on it that roll independently over the road. Martin had spoke to the road crew for the town of Lincon who has constructed a drum roller out of steel they are using. He is willing to make the roller for around \$10-\$12,000 for the town. Most of the cost being materials. Martin also spoke about fixing the current

excavator to last "another 5 years". Currently it needs a new undercarriage for between \$12-\$18000. It also would need in that time frame, a Hydro pump \$8700, a re-manned motor \$14900 and a final drive \$6000. Martin invited Larry McEnany to the meeting, a sales person from Nortrax, to give the board some number options on a new excavator. The first option he spoke about was a Government Option Lease. Larry said he honestly had never sold one of these. It would be around \$26,000 per year, with a 5-year lease and a residual buy out of around \$76,000. Interest rate would be 5.99%. The second option was another 5-year lease through John Deer financing at about \$37000 for 5 years with a \$1 buyout. Interest rate of 3.5%. He of course said it could also be a 10 year lease as well. Rental options are around \$5800/mth, but could be adjusted for a multi month rental. These lease options includes service of the machine every 500 hours for 60 months or 2000 hours. A trade in value was asessed at \$19,500 for the Towns excavator.

Martin also spoke about Duxbury reaching out for mutual aid from area towns as they were down to a two-man crew. Tom M suggested letting Stefan work for Duvbury when needed was a good idea.

**Library Business:** Karen Sharpwolf and Helen Banevicious were present to discuss with the Board the idea of moving the Library to the Town Hall. They liked that it had more amenities but were concerned about flooding and the basement not being welcoming. They spoke about how Warren has converted their Town Hall to the Library and hold town meetings in their school. That is something the ladies will discuss on their Board meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup>.

**2018 Budget:** Budget work was continued. Cheryl made several suggestions on where cuts could be made which Catrina explained to the Board. The Board was looking at cutting cost for the Town reports. Catrina will get together with Rita about reducing the number of reports printed if possible. The Selectboard also set a date of no later then July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 to discuss with Cheryl what her plan is for future work/retirement? Between now and that date the Board members will thing about what they want the Town Administrator position to look like in the future. John Weir (JB) was present to discuss his budget and current responsibilities as the Zoning Administrator, in charge of e911 as well as the website. Tom B asked him if he would be interested in taking on more economic development aspects in his current role. In which JB said yes he's willing to discuss it.

**Old Business:** The Mylar for Trail 17 was presented for the Board approval. A question was brought up about where the town trail should actually end.

**New Business:** Tom B would like to rework JB's hours/job description. He sees him as becoming the point person for economic development for the town. Tom B offered to take over e911 and some zoning responsibilities for the town at no cost. Tom B also suggested another Board member take over the website maintenance. Tom M stated it needs to be a paid employee due to the laws and statues of when minutes and meeting warnings need to be posted. John suggested Catrina take it over. Tom B will put together a job description for the next meeting.

**Approval of 12/4/2017 meeting minutes:** A motion was made by Tom B to approve the minutes as written. Rae seconded the motion. All agreed.

**January Selectboard meetings will be held on Tuesday January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 due to the New Years holiday and Tuesday January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 due to Martin Luther King Jr. Day.**

**Review Documents for Approval:**

A revised copy of the Moretown Personnel Policy was accepted.

**Warrents:** PR# 17057 19219, e2616-e2627 AP# 17058 19220-19256

**Rae made a motion to adjourn** at 8:45pm. Tom M seconded the motion. All agreed