

**Town of Moretown
Selectboard Minutes
1/2/2018**

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

Board Members not present: Tom Badowski

Guest present: Catrina Brackett, Duane Pierson, Gabriel Gillman (Moretown School Board Representative), Karen Horn, and Peter Langela (HUUSD Representative), Cheryl Brown

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by John. Tom M arrived at 6:20

General Public Comment: Karen Horn was present to hear from the School Board Reps

Town Administrators report: Cheryl informed the Board we did not receive the Historical Preservation Grant for the Library windows. There were over 85 applications and only 14 were funded. She also said she had been in contact with the State concerning Moretown's scenic roads and will receive a Certificate of Highway Mileage that will show the scenic roads. We have received a Docket # from Environmental Court for the appeal with Grow compost. Cheryl spoke about receiving a copy of an email apologizing to Martin, from Mad River Valley Ambulance Service concerning the incident on 12/16.

Reports and Communication: Cheryl spoke about Stefan Pratts hours working on the road crew. He is a seasonal worker and according to Moretown's Personal Policy he should not be working more than 40 hours a week. Tom M will discuss this with Martin.

Highway Budget: A discussion was had concerning the options for an excavator in the budget this year. It was decided to put \$20,000 into the budget for rental/repairs of an excavator. The Selectboard would like Martin to come to the next meeting on 1/16/2018.

Fire Department Business: The Selectboard would like Catrina to discuss new radio cost with Fire Chief Steve Smith before the next meeting.

School Board: Moretown School Board Rep Gabriel Gillman and HUUSD Rep Peter Langela were present at the Selectboard request to discuss the letter from Bridget Nease, Superintendent received last week. Peter stated the information is just as new to them as it is to everyone else. There seems to be positive excitement about working towards a change. Duane talked about the MECA program and possibly using that as a model for other schools in the district. The Selectboard wanted to let them know they are here

to work with the School Board with any changes that will be made in the future concerning any of the schools. Tom M also let the School Board reps know, for a future contact, that JB Weir's position will now include Economic Development along with Zoning Administrator duties.

2018 Budget: Budget work was continued. When working within the Budget number set by the Selectboard Cheryl was not going to be taking the 2% raise to allow for more hours to train Catrina to replace her. Rae said he didn't think that was right and Cheryl should receive the 2% raise. The Selectboard decided Catrina will go to 15 hours and Cheryl will get her raise. Jason wanted to state for the record that Catrina replacing Cheryl is not a done deal.

The shortfall note to Community Bank was discussed. **Motion:** Tom M made a motion to pay off the \$80,000 loan to Community bank formally doing business as Merchants Bank, from the Capital Reserve Fund to be paid over 5 years. John seconded the motion. A discussion was had if the Selectboard would use the Capital Budget or Savings Reserve. Tom M withdrew his motion. John withdrew his second until Tom M could speak with Cherilyn concerning the loan.

2018 Pay Scale 12/25/17 Motion: Tom M made a motion to accept the pay scale dated 12/25/2017 as presented. John seconded the motion. All agreed.

Old Business: Trail 17 (Blodgett) was discussed concerning the Mylar. Tom M would like more time to review it.

New Business: None at this time.

Approval of 12/18/2017 meeting minutes: A motion was made by John to approve the minutes. Rae seconded the motion. All agreed.

Review Documents for Approval: A loan document was signed for a tax anticipation loan for \$650,000 from Merchants Bank.

Warrant's: PR 17059 - 19258-19260 e2628-e2639. AP 17060 - 19261-19281. AP 17061 - 19282.

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Tom M made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 pm. Rae seconded the motion. All agreed