

**Town of Moretown
Selectboard Minutes
1/16/2018**

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

Board Members not present: Tom Badowski present via speaker phone 6:19 - 6:40

Guest present: Catrina Brackett, Cheryl Brown, Keith Berkelhamer (MRTV), Jeremy Hansen and Chuck Burt (Central VT Internet) and Jamie Wimble and Cory Stephenson (Moretown Library).

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

General Public Comment:

MRTV: Keith Berkelhamer was present representing Mad River TV. He requested the Selectboard/Moretown donate \$900 to help support the company. He spoke about all of their new Social Media accounts being very popular and help full. He mentioned Warren, Waitsfield and Fayston already donate. The Selectboard could not grant his request at this time because all non-for profits are required to submit a petition with at least 130 signatures. Cheryl gave Keith information on submitting a request next year.

Central VT Internet (CVI): Chuck Burt and Jeremy Hansen from Central VT Internet were present to ask the Selectboard for an article at Town Meeting. A dozen or so towns in Central Vermont are building a community-owned Internet Service Provider. They would model it after another successful company called EC Fiber that is already operating in Vermont. The Selectboard felt it was too fast of a decision to put in an article this year. They invited Central VT Internet to come back the next meeting for a more in-depth presentation and to be present at Town Meeting to speak.

Tom B joined the meeting via speaker phone at 6:19pm

2018 Budget: MOTION: Tom B made a motion to approve the Budget for 2018 as presented. John seconded the motion. All in favor.

Tom B left the meeting via speaker phone at 6:40pm

Library Business: Jamie wimble and Cory Stephenson were present to speak to the Selectboard about the possibility of moving the library to the town hall. They held a Trustee meeting and the general

feeling was very positive and the possibility. Jamie said their biggest concern was doing the move right and not rushing into anything. The Selectboard agreed. Cory will speak with Ellen Strauss as she is the one who helped with Warren moving the Library into their town hall. The Selectboard would like to have the Library Trustees attend the next Selectboard meeting to make a time line and expectations for moving.

Town Administrators report: Grants-Sidewalk/Catch basin grants- Cheryl talked to Joel Perrigo 1/11/18. Both grants can be combined once the easements and the design are finished. Then Chris Hunt can prepare an amendment which Joel will sign, combining the grant money. A meeting is set with Chris Hunt, Pat Travers, Doug Hanson, Cheryl and Catrina for January 29th at 1:00pm at the Town Office. Prior to that meeting Staff Sterling Management (Pat Travers) will be submitting an amendment to the sidewalk contract. Due to unforeseen hours spent on floodplain work, foot bridge, easement work and parking lot totaling 52 hours, the current contract is near the end. 89 hours were projected for the construction phase, for which money is already built into the catch basin portion of the grant.

Reports and Communication:

As an Auditor Catrina reminded the Selectboard they needed a selectboard report for the Town report.

Lovers Lane: Rae reported Martin called him Friday night concerning about 300' of road that had washed out on Lovers Lane. Dubois was there in the morning to make temporary fixes. Rae felt the rest of the road was in imminent danger if more than a temporary fix was not done. Dubois is now almost complete with the project with estimated cost of \$25,000-\$30,000. Tom M was contacted Saturday by Martin. Cheryl was never contacted until yesterday, by Tom M. John stated she should have been the first phone call. Martin had already spoke to the State stream alteration engineer, and Dick Haskins from the State, and CVRPC. Cheryl spoke about the procurement process after the emergency had passed; and making sure everything was documented.

An estimate was received from Nicom for the basement floor at the Town hall for about \$10,000. A discussion was had about different fixes for the floor and it would be revisited after Town Meeting.

Eliza Cain from Red Hen Bakery sent an email thanking the Selectboard for "seed" money to fund a reward to find out who has been doing vandalism at the bakery.

There was an email request from the Waterbury Ambulance service to meet with the Selectboard. They will come to the next meeting.

John spoke about a letter from Karen Horn concerning using digital media vs Newspapers for public notice. No action was taken.

John spoke about VT Clean Water Network progress meeting that will be held next Friday from 8-12. Several speakers will be present. Cheryl asked him to find out about permits and timelines that might be changing for Town, during emergency situation.

Jason spoke about contacting VLCT for a job description of Town Administrator vs Town Manager. Most of what he found was statues. He will keep looking into it.

Old Business:

Trail 17 (Blodgett) was discussed concerning the accuracy of the Mylar. Tom M would like more time to review it further. Cheryl will email the Selectboard a copy of the court stipulation signed by Blodgett and the Selectboard in December of 2016.

Grow Compost was discussed and the Selectboard feels comfortable about how the Towns attorney Ron Shims has handed the appeal.

2018 TM articles were approved as presented tonight.

New Business: None at this time.

Approval of 1/2/2018 and 1/8/2018 meeting minutes: A motion was made by Rae to approve the minutes. John seconded the motion. All agreed.

Review Documents for Approval: Tax map maintenance proposal. Liquor License for the Moretown General Store.

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