

Town of Moretown  
Selectboard Minutes  
6/4/18

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

**Guest Present:** Catrina Brackett, Cheryl Brown, Karen Horn, Jon Siegel, Denise Gabaree, Ellie Hillferty, Sandra Reagan.

Michael Brown with FW Forestry representing Timbervest

Addison Kasmarek from Green Leaf Forestry representing Montgomery Timber

Scott Moreau from Green Leaf Forestry representing Montgomery Timber

Nancy Blodgett

Calvin Blodgett

Katie Martin (Valley Reporter)

Dean Moulton

Robert Martin

Vince Rooney

Travis Blodgett

**Site Visit:** Trail #17 at 5 pm was held. The proposed access for Trail #17 was walked. Tom, John, Callie and Jason were joined by Addison Kasmarek from Green Leaf Forestry representing Montgomery Timber, Scott Moreau from Green Leaf Forestry representing Montgomery Timber, Nancy Blodgett, Calvin Blodgett, Travis Blodgett, Vince Rooney, Dean Moulton and Catrina Brackett.

Public hearing to follow at the Town Office at 6 pm.

**Public Hearing for Trail # 17 at Moretown Town office:** Called to order at 6:08 pm by Tom Martin.

**Guest Attending:** Catrina Brackett, Cheryl Brown.

Michael Brown with FW forestry representing Timber Vest

Addison Kasmarek from Green Leaf Forestry representing Montgomery Timber

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Paul Gillis (Town Attorney) by speaker phone

Attendees of the hearing were sworn in by Paul Gillis. Tom gave history as to why the relocation was being proposed. Infrastructure on the Calvin Blodgett land was found to be built in a portion of the town trail, when a survey was done by American Consulting in 2016. Tom then opened the floor to comment. Scott- spoke about the previous access, and he's not aware of its actual location. Proposed site is at 22% grade and does not have the turning radius for log trucks. He objects to proposed relocation site. Not practical to build a road at the proposed site. Addison- Also objects and spoke about the road having to be re-graded by -18% grade to be passable by log trucks. Scott- also spoke about water quality and Vermont Acceptable Management Practices (AMP) standards pertaining to installing a bridge. Michael- a trail being a legal public ROW that could be used with approval of the Selectboard. Vince- spoke about property owners now being landlocked because the proposed location is not practical to build a road. Robert- said the trail used to be class 4 and access to their land. Both Scott and Vince spoke about not receiving notice of the proposed sight until April 2018. Cheryl provided the Board copies of certified mailing signature cards dating back to 2016. The Blodgett family spoke about the placement of the garage and septic which portions of are built in the town trail.

**MOTION:** John made a motion to end the hearing at 6:48pm, seconded by Rae. All in favor.

Regular Selectboard meeting begins. 6:50pm

**General Public Comment:** Calvin Blodgett requested a blind drive signage be placed on both sides of his driveway. The board approved. Tom will pass this onto Martin.

John and Karen of the Planning Commission were present to speak to the board concerning the Public Hearing being held on Tuesday Jun 5<sup>th</sup> for new Subdivision Regulations. They invited the Selectboard members to attend. John will try to make it. Jon spoke about putting the vote on the November Australian ballot. The Selectboard agreed it was a good idea and suggested holding an informational party/gathering closer to the vote to get the word out.

**Historical Society:** The Library Trustees were unable to attend the meeting concerning the possible move of the Library to the Town Hall. The Historical Society had several questions concerning logistics, timing and status of the move. The Selectboard assured them everything was in the planning process and no decisions as to whether or not the Library would actually move has been made. Tom also spoke about his vision of the Town Hall being more of a community center to include the Library and Historical Society. Another meeting will be set up with the Library Trustees and Historical Society.

**Town Administrator Report:**

1. Reimbursement from State of Vermont submitted for Lover's Lane was \$34,953. Projected job cost \$73,095. Total grant awarded town \$65,786 (90%). Grant balance available to town \$30,833. Grant is 90/10. Martin estimated \$19,258 to finish. Bids open later tonight.
2. Fire Department uniforms: Replacement of 8 ruined uniforms was covered in part by accident insurance for the Middlesex gas spill. The Fire Department changed the material to an upgraded Tech Gen71. The Fire Department will reimburse the town \$2469.91 for the upgrade. John spoke about the Fire Department needing to let Cheryl know ahead of time for changes in case a grant funds could have offset the additional cost.

**Reports and Communications:** Rae spoke about going to Deborah Feldman's home to see the ponding/ditching problem that has been incurring. Martin feels digging out in that location ponding area will help solve the problem and it will be done this summer.

An email was received from Kathryn Friedland who spoke with Catrina about a small creek/ditch on her property that the town had dug out about 7 years ago. She is requesting Rae and/or Martin to make a visit to see what can be done.

An email was received from David Russo requesting to be reappointed to the DRB. **MOTION:** John made a motion to reappoint David Russo to another term on the Development Review Board. Tom seconded the motion. All agreed.

**Old Business:** Town Hall mold remediation- 3 estimates were requested by supplying the air quality test/recommendations from KD and Assoc from ServePro (nothing received), Puroclean and GW Savage. Estimates received from Puroclean was for \$7993.78 and from GW Savage was \$8602.12. A discussion was had concerning what each company included and did not include. Catrina had previously met with both GW Savage and Puroclean and explained to the board that the GW Savage estimate was their "worst case scenario" in which all of the kitchen cabinets had to be removed. Puroclean only planned to remove up to the stove so if they needed to go further the cost would increase. **MOTION:** John made a motion to accept the quote from GW Savage of \$8602.12. Callie seconded the motion. All agreed.

Cheryl also spoke about the other unexpected cost that have occurred at the Town Hall this year as well. She made a recommendation to the Selectboard to either include the cost when calculating the tax rate or use capital funds.

**Minutes from 5/21/18: MOTION-** John made a motion to accept the minutes as written of 5/21/18. Rae seconded the motion. All agreed.

**New Business:**

**Bids for Lovers Lane.** Two sealed bids for flood washout work to Lovers Lane were submitted and opened by the Selectboard. Dubois bid \$40,810 with no breakdown of cost. Griffin & Griffin's bid was \$54,258 with a break down in materials used. Rae stated he was not involved with the bid process from Dubois. Martins estimate of the work was \$19,258. John asked why

the RFP showing the scope of work contractors were bidding on wasn't available to review. Martin did the bid process and held the meeting with both companies. **MOTION:** John made a motion to throw out the bids. Jason seconded the motion. **DISCUSSION:** John explained his motion for the reason that the RFP should come from the Selectboard and that the bids were not detailed enough. Tom made the suggestion to not throw out the bids but rather not make a decision until Martin can come to the next meeting to clarify the work requested. **John withdrew his motion, Jason withdrew his second.** Martin will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

**Grievance hearings-** The Board discussed the grievance hearings taking place this week, and concerns with the number of grievances involving the updated tax maps. Selectboard members have received calls since the letters were mailed out. John will try to sit in on hearings this week to get a sense of how things are going.

Social Media: Catrina let the Board know that VLCT had just released a suggested social media policy. Catrina will email this to the board to discuss at the next meeting.

**Next Meeting:** 6/18/18, 6pm Town Office

**Warrants:** PR 18024 e2762 - e2772; AP# 18025 19611-19617; AP# 18026 19618-19644

**Documents approved:** Proposal from Chucks Heating for annual maintenance was approved. Overload permits from Donald Giroux Trucking and Riggs Distler.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Tom made a motion to adjourn at 8:35 pm, John seconded the motion. All agreed.