

Town of Moretown
Selectboard Minutes

12/17/2018

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

Board Members not present: Tom Martin

Guest Present: Catrina Brackett, Mark P. and John Malter

John called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

General Public Comment: Mark P. from WASI was present to see if the Board had made a decision concerning funding. The Board will be adding WASI funding as a line item in this year's budget. Mark said someone would be present at Town Meeting to answers any questions.

Deb Carroll and Pat Travers- catch basin concerns: Rescheduled to January 7.

Cherilyn- Budget: Rescheduled to January 7.

Reports and Communications:

Rae spoke about the easement discussion being had with Deb Carroll. She mentioned a clause being added that the Town will monitor her foundation and be liable for any damage. Rae wants to make sure that it is the States responsibility not the Towns.

Deborah Feldman sent an email stating after much deliberation she has decided to resign from her position as Town Lister affective Town Meeting day 2019. She thanked the Board for their support, cooperation and respect over the last 11 ½ years. **MOTION:** Jason made a motion to accept Deborah's resignation, seconded by John, all agreed.

Town Administrator Report: (Given by Catrina)

The paint contractor John Gaboury was a no show for an appointment to meet with Cheryl concerning finishing the Town Hall next summer. Cheryl would like permission to send him 30 days written notice ending the contract and putting the remaining work to be completed out to bid for 2019. **MOTION:** Rae made a motion to send a termination letter, and to put the job back out to bid. Seconded by Callie. All agreed.

At this point the Town has about a \$30K deficit in the general fund. Income of delinquent taxes may lessen this amount and of course any unforeseen expenses will increase the deficit.

Meeting schedule in January- The MLK Jr holiday is on a Monday, 1/21. The Board will meet the Tuesday after 1/22. At this point no extra meetings will be scheduled for the budget.

Cheryl is planning on getting together a new quote for the MOU with HUUSD. With more accurate cost of parking lot and recreation field maintenance.

An email was received from Ray Daigle concerning damage to a post at MES done by Stefen Pratt when snow blowing with the tractor. There was an email from Turtle Creek builders contained quoting \$1,158.09 for repairs and that HUUSD will be submitting an invoice to the Town. The Board would like another opinion of the damage before any repairs or invoicing. Also, the Board would like to see an accident report by Stefan before the next meeting, they will then discuss with Martin at the next meeting. John mentioned Stefan had gotten stuck at his house recently and his basketball hoop needs to be reset in the spring. Stefan acknowledged this at the time. Catrina also talked about the fence being hit this summer with the mower. None of these incidents were reported by Stefan or Martin to the Town/Selectboard. The Board would also like accident reports of both these as well before then next meeting.

Both John and Catrina spoke about the Ward land sale. John signed off on the easement and which included a public and town ROW. Also, a clause that any damage cause to the ground from Town trucks the Town will repair.

Mad River Resource Alliance: John Maulter was present to speak about next years budget. Bottom line is Moretown's per capita cost will increase to \$6.25, a \$.25 increase for a total amount of \$415. Changes in hazard material hauling is the reason for the first increase since 2014.

Old Business:

Budget work: Ray would like a budget emailed to the Board in excel so they can work with the spreadsheet before the next meeting. John questioned why unemployment was over budget and if there HRA reimbursement fund was all spent for this year. Catrina will look into all these before the next meeting.

Public Hearing for proposed amendments to Moretown's Zoning regulations relating to new sub division standards

Guests Present: Robert and Viki Graves, Rube Scharges, Jonathan Sigel, Paula Woods, John Malter, Karen Horn, John Schmeltzer and John Riley.

Discussions were had concerning lots passing down to several family members. An application like this will be less complicated than a developer looking to build a subdivision. Also concerning wither or not the Town should request to remain a one-acre town or be a 10-acre Town. John Riley will research the pros and cons of both and relay the findings to the Planning Commissions and DRB who will make a recommendation in writing to the Selectboard by the end of January. **MOTION:** Rae made a motion to accept the regulations as written to be voted on at Town Meeting. Callie seconded the motion, all agreed. **MOTION:** A motion to adjourn the public hearing was made by John and seconded by Callie at 7:30pm, all agreed.

New Business: Ray mentioned Dubois is currently working for Waitsfield Telecom on installing upgraded internet cables along Moretown Common Rd. and wondered if the Town or residents had been notified by Telecom as they are completing work on each home owner's property. Dubois has been giving notice. Catrina will look into notification Telecom has given.

Town Administrator Discussions: Tabled until next meeting since Tom is not present.

Next Meetings: January 7th, 2019 at the Town Office. January 22, 2019 TUESDAY, due to MLK Jr on Monday the 21st

Minutes: MOTION: Rae made a motion to accept both 12/10 and 12/3/2018 meeting minutes as written, seconded by Jason. All agreed.

Warrants: PR: # 18062, e2827-e2939, 20123; AP# 18063, 20124-20160

Documents Approved: Overload permit for Ken Mitchell Trucking Inc. Change of employment status for Stefan Pratt from Temp help to full time highway department effective 12/3/18. Insurance to begin 1/1/19.

Motion to Adjourn: Rae made a motion to adjourn at 7:55pm. John seconded, all agreed.