

**Town of Moretown  
Selectboard Minutes  
5/20/2019**

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

**Guest present:** Catrina Brackett, Sasha Elwell-Badore, Cheryl Brown, Katie Martin, Shelia Getzinger, Deborah Carroll, Karen Horn, Jon Siegel, Milly Archer, Paula Woods, Mike Woods, David Specht, Ned Swanberg, John Riley, JB Weir, Chuck Burt and Carl Wimble

**Meeting was called to order** at 5:30 pm by John at a site visit on Bradley Hill Rd.

John, Rae and Jason were present along with Catrina, Katie, Mike and Paula. Carl Wimble gave a tour and brief description of the class 4 section and had also laid out the center line of a proposed new road. All three board members agreed Carl should be able to make the existing road section work.

Meeting was reconvened at the Town office at 6:08

**Public comment:** Shelia Getzinger commented she hoped the Board was not planning on throwing up Bradley road. The Board said this is not the intention.

Catrina Brackett spoke about the email/Front Porch Forum post from Bridgett Nease concerning Moretown Elementary. Catrina will have a child in that class and she is very concerned of the large size. She stated HUUSD's own policies states 20 is the largest for Kindergarten and as of today Moretown has 21 enrolled and has turned down 3 intra-district choice. She feels the situation is being handled wrong and the School Board should look at the district as a whole, spreading out resources, including possibly moving a kindergarten teacher from TBPS (Thatcher Brook) to Moretown. Both Tom and John have meeting with MES advisory board and encouraged Catrina to attend the next School Board meeting.

**Zoning Administrator update:** David Specht was present to ask the Board to appoint a Deputy ZA for illness, extended vacation or conflict and has already spoke to JB Weir, who would be happy to do it. The Board will consider it. David also brought changes to the e911 paperwork

for the Boards approval. He changed it to be more of an application. The fee is currently \$125 for David to do the work to get a new resident an e911 address. Once complete David assigns them an address, where in turn paperwork must be given to the resident to complete and submit back to the Town with a \$10 recording fee. Before any land owner can receive a zoning permit for a home/camp they must have an e911 address. **MOTION:** Jason made a motion to accept the changes David made, seconded by Callie, all agreed.

**Town Website update:** Chuck Burt was present to advise the Board the current website “host” was going out of business. There are 2 options moving forward. A cheaper option with more work involved or a more expensive option that has a secure environment for hosting WordPress, they automatically do updates for you and there are several ways to test the website before launching it. **MOTION:** Tom made a motion to accept Chuck’s recommendation for the \$35/mo. or \$350/year option, seconded by Rae, all agreed.

**Reports and Communications-** Sasha had spoken to Martin who received a complained about a Town truck kicking up a rock and causing damage to a windshield. The Town does not offer any kind of help in this situation.

A letter from the Town Health Officer Richard Valentinetti, stating that the property formerly known as the “Buska” property, now owned by John Martin is no longer considered condemned.

A letter from Richard Valentinetti, Health Officer stated he visited 778 Rt. 100B, owned by Frank Piazza, and gave them a list of things that needed to be looked at.

A second letter from the Town Health officer Richard Valentinetti regarding a health violation at Shane Grace’s property, now being cleaned up and in compliance.

**Sidewalk update:** Doug Henson is preparing final plans to go out to bid by the end of May. The state plans to pave Rt 100B this year so the RFP will have a requested 2019 completion date. Cheryl stated if bids come in over the grant amount the Town will seek additional money from the grant.

**Parking lot update:** A grant for the engineering of the parking lot was denied but Pam DeAndrea of CVRCP appealed the decision and the Town was awarded the grant for \$60,000. The Town/School covering a \$10,000 share (\$5000 each).

### **Adoption of Interim Subdivision Bylaws**

John stated they was no vote at the last meeting because it was not a full Board and there were no reps from the PC, ZA or DRB present. Karen Horn stated to the Board the PC had been working on subdivisions since 2016. After the Boards public hearing in 2018, the PC incorporated all the changes suggested by Carl Wimble, Selectboard and DRB. The Board had voted to have the question on the Town Meeting ballot. That did not happen, which was just a clerical error so the PC would like to see them adopted now. Tom spoke about interim bylaws not being a bad idea, that it gives a chance to try them out to see if anything needs to be changed. He suggested maybe not putting them on the ballot until 2021. Mike Woods stated from a listers stand point any extra information makes mapping easier. Shelia spoke about waiting too long to vote there may be a rush of subdivision applications. Shelia also noted any Bylaws that put control in the Towns hand instead of the State are beneficial. Cheryl and Tom reminded everyone that there have been several interim bylaws including, cell tower, class 4 roads, quarry etc. Rae stated he believes voting at Town Meeting in 2020 would be the best option since there is still 10 months to see how they work out. Jason does not believe they should become interim today. **MOTION:** Tom made a motion to accept the interim subdivision regulation purposed by the Planning Commission and to be voted on at Town Meeting 2020. Seconded by John, all agreed except Jason because he did not feel anything should be decided by the Select Board that the Town has a right to vote on.

**CRS/River Corridor Protection plans:** Ned Swanberg, State floodplain manager was present and gave a presentation concerning why the Town should discuss adopting a River Corridor Protection Plan. State emergency funding (ERAF) is based on a Community Report. A voluntary program for recognizing and encouraging community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum NFIP standards to reduce flood losses, facilitate accurate insurance ratings and promote the awareness of flood insurance. There is a second option to look into though FEMA which the Board will also take into consideration.

**Old Business: Bradley Rd-** The Town will keep the rights-of-way. Carl will apply to obtain a permit to work in the roadway. Martin and Rae will help Carl come up with a plan.

**Land Management Plan-** John looked into the current plan and is going to connect with Michele Beard about working with the Rec Committee to update. His goal is to form a committee with all interested parties represented.

**Town Hall Painting- MOTION:** Rae made a motion to accept the \$9,000 contract Semir Derback for painting the Town Hall exterior, seconded by Callie. All agreed.

**New Business: None at this time**

**Minutes:** John made a **motion** to accept the minutes from 5/6/19, seconded by Rae, all agreed, Tom and Callie abstained.

**Warrants:** 19024 payroll, 19025 a/p, 19026 a/p

**Items to sign**

Overload permits

Bellavance Trucking  
James Poquette  
Josh Sherman  
Patterson Fuels

Curb cut for Ryan & Mallery Daudelin

**Rae made a motion to adjourn** at 8:30pm, seconded by Rae. All agreed.