

**Town of Moretown
Selectboard Minutes
6/3/2019**

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

Board Members not present: Callie Streeter

Guest present: Catrina Brackett, Sasha Elwell-Badore, Cheryl Brown, Cherilyn Brown, Stefan Pratt, Martin Cameron, Shawn Graves, Jamie Wimble, Emily Wood and Jim Carrien (VLCT)

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

Public comment: Jamie Wimble was present to introduce Emily Wood who is interested in the open Library Trustees seat. Jamie stated everyone at the Library recommended her. Emily spoke about living in Moretown for about 4 years. Her profession is School Librarian. She has a great passion for children to have access to local libraries. **MOTION:** Tom made a motion to appoint Emily Wood to the Library Trustees, seconded by John, all in favor.

Reports and Communications: Sasha received a phone call from Adan Martins concerned with the guard rail on Middle Rd at Gallagher Acres. Martin stated that it was already removed. Tom will reach out to Adan.

Rae received a call from Steve Magill. A new curb cut went in which he stated is directly across from his bathroom window. Steve would like it moved. Rae will reach out to both land owners.

A memo from Cherilyn was received concerning the new CD at NSB the Board had approved last meeting. It is 15 months not the 9 months in the original motion. **MOTION:** John made a motion to put \$500,000 in to a NSB 15 month CD, seconded by Rae, all in favor.

Sasha received an email from Roberta Garrett regarding pot hole and damage to her vehicle, Tom cited the Towns policy on not reimbursing for vehicle damage.

An email from Elizabeth Burt was received stating the Library had gone over their printing budget due to advertising the vacant position, and plans to still use printing for fliers. Tom told

Sasha to let the Library know they should try to shift other things around in their budget as not to go over the bottom line.

Rae received a phone call from Gloria Demingware about the grading on Jones Brook last week. Martin commented the grader had broke down during grading (an easy fix). Rae also spoke about working with Carl Wimble on the road permit for Bradly road, as well as working with Martin on the RFP for the bridge repair on the Mountain Rd.

John spoke about the River Conservancy donating a piece of land in Moretown, but the location was not known yet. Jason asked John about the fact that the State had budgeted more money this year for conservation. John advised Jason to speak with Karen Horn.

Martin and John both spoke about the road crews great work on Butternut Hill, all being paid for by a grant for hydrologically connected roads. Martin said they were fixing a wash out and digging ditches.

Cheney lawsuit: MOTION- Tom made a motion to go into executive session for confidential attorney-client communications made for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the Town, where as premature general public knowledge would clearly place the Town or a personal involved at a substantial disadvantage at 6:24, seconded by John, all in favor. Martin, Cheryl and Sasha were invited to stay. **MOTION:** Tom made a motion to end executive session at 6:40, seconded by John, all in favor.

Federal CDL regulation requirements: Jim Carrien from VLTC was present to talk to the Board about CT statue 391.25 Annual inquires and review of driving record the Town should be doing with their CDL drivers. This has been a requirement for several decades but its nothing any of the road crew had ever heard of. The statue states “every employer shall, at least once every 12 months, review the driving record of each employee it employs to determine weather that driver meets minimum requirements for safe driving or is disqualified to drive a commercial vehicle.” The Town can obtain a driving record from the DMV at no charge. Martin stated none of the road crew had nothing to hide but didn’t feel self-reporting of something that happened in their personal vehicle off the clock was ok. Jim said the things they are referring to go above

and beyond a minor offense. The Board will review the information and come up with a policy. To start the Board will pull each driver record, none of the road crew had a problem with this.

Minutes: MOTION: John made a motion to approve both 4/15/19 & 5/20/19 minutes, seconded by Rae, all in favor.

Old Business: Sidewalk- The RFP will be out by the end of June. Doug Henson will be in charge of the mandatory site visit, also any addendums that need to happen if bids go over the budget. Cherilyn is working on revamping the grant for the other side sidewalks that was denied.

Cheryl- After retirement and a month off, Tom feels having Cheryl work for 5 hours a week with Cherilyn and Sasha to continue training would be a great idea. Jason spoke about making sure Cheryl was training and not doing the work herself.

Road Crew/Sasha pay- Tom committed the Board to review and have decisions of their pay by the end of July.

Tax Map online- Cherilyn supports the Tax Maps being made available online. The Town would lose some income but Cherilyn was advised other services and recording fees would be increased soon.

New Business: Cheryl spoke about research she had done into ACT46. The HUUSD Board is in process right now accessing each building/school in the district as far as, work needed, capacity, parking, growth possibilities etc. In the year 2021 if the Board decides to close a school in the district all it takes is a majority vote by the School Board, not a Town vote. Before a vote happens the HUUSD must hold at least 3 public hearings with 1 being in the Town they are choosing to close. The Town would have the first option to buy back the school and all its debt for \$1 if that were to happen. Anything about withdrawing from the district should be discussed with the Town attorney.

Warrants: 19027 payroll; 19028 a/p; 19029 a/p

Items to sign: 2 curb cuts for H and H Real Estate
Stray Animal Holding Agreement with Central Vt Humane Society

Tom made a motion to adjourn at 7:37pm, seconded by John, all in favor.