

Town of Moretown
Selectboard Minutes
7/01/2019

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

Board Member not present: John Hoogenboom

Guests present: Gabe Gilman, Kristen Rodgers, Steve Robbins, Michelle Beard and Sasha Elwell-Badore

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

Public comment: Michelle and Steve were present to update the board on their budget and moving things around so that money for the new trail kiosk is available. Tom made a motion to accept the changes, Callie seconded. All were in favor. Steve also came in to present the quotes for fencing around the tennis court and repair to the existing fence. He explained the reasoning for the added fencing, to protect the tennis court surface. Quotes were received from Middlebury Fence and White's Fencing, there was a \$600 difference. Middlebury Fence was chosen. They spoke about the town's share of this, which is \$1917, with the total amount for the project being \$3800. Rae moved to accept the contract, seconded by Callie. All were in favor. Tom signed the contract.

Corrections to the 6/17/2019 minutes, John H. sent an email stating he would like it clarified that he didn't mean the rec committee would be working on the plan, but that we would be exploring forming a land management committee that would include someone from the rec committee.

Kristen R. also sent an email to clarify her wording on what was said at that meeting.

1. Kristen wanted to make her position clear to the Selectboard that she is 100% in favor of moving 5-6 out of the valley.

---It should be **she is 100% not in favor of moving the 5-6 out of the valley**

2. She quoted on School Board member as saying "We have to show taxpayers savings, it's not about what's best for the kids."

---I believe what I said was "**we have to show taxpayers savings**" I've never heard them say it's what's best for the kids.

Jason A. wanted it corrected on page one of the same minutes to read, at the bottom. "Something he is looking into."

Gabe and Kristen were present for updating and following up on what is going on with the schoolboard. Gabe said that there are no meetings until August. And was impressed with the show of Moretown

residents at the last meeting. He said that it meant a great deal that John H. made it to the meeting as well.

Caitlin Hollister reached out to a few members of the Selectboard since the last meeting. Per Callie and Jason, and Tom spoke with her that day (7/1) as well. He said that it was a good conversation.

Jason moved to accept the amended minutes from 6/3/2019 and 6/17/2019. Seconded by Callie. All were in favor.

Reports & Communications: Tom Badowski sent an email, along with pictures to Rae regarding a complaint on the culvert at the beginning of his driveway. Rae is going to get with Martin on this.

The board would like the vacancy for the Planning Commission advertised on FPF, along with a thank you to Rube Scharges for serving on the commission. The only one interested through Jon Siegal is someone that is not living here full time yet, and wouldn't be able to start until at least September.

Dara Torre, sent an email regarding interest in the 2nd Annual Vermont Community Leadership Summit. Also received was a nomination from Deborah Feldman for a few people she thought would be good for this spot. The board decided on Dara being a great fit for this summit.

Sasha let the board know that JB / Chuck have now added the tax maps to the Moretown website.

Emails were read from Art Peterson with Waitsfield Cable and from Chris Butsch, both regarding burying fiber optic wiring. Both just need to do road work permits and get with Martin on this. Then the board can approve them.

Brief discussion was had on an email from Shayla Livingston with the state, on Act 48. Town Health Officer reporting that has gone in to affect. Tom asked that Sasha forward the information to Richard Valentinetti.

Sasha let the board know that a dog fine that Shane gave the Rothenberg's was received in the office.

Jason brought up the Road and Bridge Standards, reminding everyone that it is due by August 1st. Discussion was had on whether or not we have roads that are or are not hydrologically connected to rivers and streams. Rae thinks that most roads are. Jason will look into the maps through ANR to get more information. Jason would like this on the agenda for the next meeting 7/15/2019, to further discuss.

Callie received an email from Steve Magill regarding knotweed that was found near the culvert on Leo Ciampi's property. He expressed concern on this and told her that he sprayed Round Up on it. Rae is going to look deeper into this situation. Callie had asked that Sasha forward the email to the rest of the board, so that it was not coming directly from her. Rae will also look at the issue of a certified person doing this treatment and if there is someone on the Highway Crew that can do this.

Little discussion was had on the employee wages, information was put out to the board members. Tom asked Katie Martin to send him some information that she had dug up on the area towns and she agreed to do that.

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Jason moved to accept the changes to the Personnel Policy, as advised by VLCT. Seconded by Callie. All were in favor. And they amended Personnel Policy was signed.

Tom is going to follow up on the DMV forms with the Highway Crew, to see where they are at on those.

Katie Martin mentioned to the board that they should watch the video from the Schoolboard meeting.

Tom moved to go into Executive Session at 6:57 pm, for confidential client communications. Seconded by Callie. All were in favor.

Tom moved to leave Executive Session at 6:59 pm. Seconded by Callie. All were in favor.

Old Business: nothing discussed

New Business: nothing discussed

Warrants were signed for Payroll #19033 and Accounts Payable #19034

Tom moved to adjourn at 7:05 pm. Seconded by Rae. All were in favor.