

**Town of Moretown  
Selectboard Meeting  
12/16/2019**

**Board Members Present:** Tom Martin, John Hoogenboom, Callie Streeter, Jason Aronowitz, Rae Washburn was not present.

**Guests Present:** Gianna Petito with the Winooski Natural Resources, Deborah Feldman, Mike Woods, Cherilyn Brown and Sasha Elwell-Badore.

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

**Public Comment:** there was none.

**6:05** Gianna Petito spoke about the Winooski Natural Resources, letting the town know that Moretown is in their district. They would like a letter from the board so that a grant can be applied for on the ash borer issue that has come to Vermont. The grant would help with getting an inventory of the ash trees along public roads and putting together a response plan. There are two different grants one is \$1-\$4000 and the other one is \$15,000. The cash match that they are looking for from the town is \$750-1000 for this project, and there is a possibility of going in on it with other towns. There are injection treatments for this problem. The deadline for this grant is January 13, 2020, the board will discuss this and make a decision at the next meeting.

**6:25** Errors & Omissions from the listers, Mike & Deborah discussed entry errors that needed to be corrected. One error was corrected acreage and the others were that the entry was of 20% discount and it should have been at 30% discount (coming from the district advisor), for being covenant restricted.

- Matthew Williams & Nina Otter Parcel ID 06-036.002, the acreage was corrected changing the value from \$385,800 to \$342,500.
- Michael Tomczyk Parcel ID 12-012.000, corrected covenant restricted, changing the value from \$78,000 to \$68,300.
- Margaret Reith Parcel ID 12-017.000, corrected covenant restricted, changing the value from \$78,000 to \$68,300.
- Ana Beatriz Olivera Parcel ID 12-018.000, corrected covenant restricted, changing the value from \$78,000 to \$68,300.

Tom moved to accept the Errors & Omissions from the listers. Jason seconded. All were in favor.

**6:30:** Cherilyn was present to go over the budget, discussion was had on each department. There was discussion on the rate of pay that the new town hall custodian should be paid. Replacing the computers at the office and town garage, due to the changes with Windows in January 2020. Loan interest rates vs paying ourselves back was also discussed, for equipment purchases. There was brief discussion on Robert Turner coming to the office to see what is needed for programming for road maintenance data, he plans on stopping in this Wednesday. He said that the price should be less than \$2000. Morefest was discussed a bit, due to the fireworks bill going up considerably. Tom suggested the thought of perhaps putting an article on the floor at town meeting may be a good idea, that way the town's people have a say in how much is spent on the event. Cherilyn will get with VLCT to figure out the wording on this article. Cherilyn will be doing the updates to the budget and get the next draft copy to the board members before the next SB meeting in January.

**Reports and Communications:** The Montgomery Timber LLC land donation deed is recorded. Tom asked that the office contact the planning commission, recreation committee, the listers and the school.

**Old Business:** John spoke with Ray Munn this week and reported that The Commons issue will be all cleaned up by Thursday this week. Also spoke about the scheduled Round Table Discussion with the Friends of the Mad River being rescheduled to Thursday this week, due to weather.

Jason asked if there had been any thing new from Waitsfield Telecom, Tom said that he has not heard anything in 2-3 weeks (in regards to CV Fiber).

Cherilyn gave an update on the insurance claim for the incident at the fire station. The claim is being paid and paperwork for restitution has been filed to be reimbursed for the town's \$1000 deductible.

Jason inquired about Stefan updating the policy at the fire department, wondering where he is at with the drug and alcohol policies. Sasha will follow up with him on that.

Sasha let the board know that there was nothing in the minutes stating the number of core members or a mission statement for the recreation committee. Chuck Burt had inquired about that. It was found that it was officially formed in September 2016. Tom suggested getting with Michelle Beard on that, maybe she had more information.

Sasha brought the contract for the town reports to the board's attention for signature so that the contract price could be locked in for two years. Tom signed off on that for Repro, so that some money can be saved for the town. Sasha also let the board know that there has been no interest in the auditor position.

Sasha asked the board to make a motion to add Mary Moulton to the Local Service Committee, she would like to be a core member. Tom made a motion to accept Mary Moulton to the LSC. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

Tom made a motion to officially hire Megan Kathan as the town hall custodian. John seconded. All were in favor.

Sasha asked what the board would like her to do with the Diego gravel bill, they still have not paid it from back in May of this year. Now they have sold their house and moved. Tom would like another bill sent to them and to check into the small claims process and cost.

**New Business:** Cherilyn brought up some changes that should be implemented into the policies. Updating the insurance details to go along with the change in the Blue Cross policy. Also, under the affordable care act the hours need to be corrected from 32 hours to 30 hours.

John made a motion to accept the minutes from 12/02/2019. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

**Warrants** 19062 P/R, 19063 A/P, 19064 A/P, and 19065 A/P were signed and approved.

**Adjourn** Tom made the motion to adjourn at 7:50 pm. Callie seconded. All were in favor.