

Town of Moretown
Selectboard Meeting
01/06/2020

Board Members Present: Tom Martin, John Hoogenboom, Callie Streeter, Rae Washburn, Jason Aronowitz

Guests Present: Karen Horn, Don Wexler, Cherilyn Brown, Jon Siegal, David Stapleton, Joyce Manchester, Hadley Laskowski, Angelo Napolitano, Condo Association Members (Rachel, Brian & Donna) and Sasha Elwell-Badore

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Tom

Public Comment: There was no public comment

6:05 David Stapleton spoke briefly about himself, asking to be appointed to the Planning Commission. Tom moved to appoint David Stapleton to the Planning Commission. Rae seconded. All were in favor. The Planning Commission members let the board know that the new meeting day for them will now be the first and third Wednesday of the month.

6:10 Joyce Manchester spoke briefly about the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). They are working on public transit policy plans, resilience of infrastructure and the impact that climate change has on it, just some of the things that were spoken about. The board has 14 members with each of the area towns being represented. She informed the board that Dan Currier is resigning and moving onto another job. The board asked her to speak to TAC about helping out with more signage and perhaps money for all of the construction that will be going on this coming summer. While that was brought up Sasha asked about speed tables, a resident had asked about since the paving is one of those projects. The board spoke about asking the state to lower the speed limit in town and they said that it was not needed, after doing studies. They have been told that there should be "traffic calming" with the new sidewalks being done.

6:25 Karen Horn brought up being appointed to the CV Fiber alternate. Tom moved to appoint Karen Horn to be the alternate to the CV Fiber Committee. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

6:30 Cherilyn joined the meeting for discussion and number crunching on the budget. Some of the items discussed were 2% raises, paying back the capital reserve for the Ram truck that was purchased, and the road maintenance system. Adding the cloud was discussed so that the remote work can be done on NEMRC. Rough estimate of a

6% tax increase was discussed. The budget should be finalized at the next meeting on January 21, 2020.

The board was informed that Jamie Wimble is filling in for/as the assistant librarian until someone else applies for the position.

Brief discussion was had regarding Martin's vacation time (due to possible surgery he has coming up), rollover and Tom said that he will touch base with him on that. Tom asked that Sasha get Robert Turner and Martin Cameron in contact so that they can meet before the next meeting, so as the board can make a decision on the road maintenance system, Rae would like to be involved with it as well. At that point Rae announced that he has started his "soft" retirement and working only three days a week now, so he has more time.

7:15 Angelo & Donna from the Condo Association came in to discuss what is next with the Health Order that was served on one of the residents at The Commons. The board listened to their concerns, but also wanted to hear their plan. The association is asking the board to condemn the condo. They were informed that nothing can be done until after the date on the health order. Angelo asked to be put on the next agenda.

Reports and Communications: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Sasha reminded the board that the Winooski Natural Resources needed their answer on the ash borer grant. They agreed that there was no room in the budget this year, so the answer was no.

John said that the Road Round Table meeting went well, they had a knotweed specialist there and spoke briefly about it. He said that if it keeps getting mowed and plant grass seed several times, it eventually chokes out the knotweed.

New Business: Rae announced he would be running for a three year term for Selectboard. Tom said that he would be running for the one year term for Selectboard.

John moved to approve the minutes from the 12/16/19 meeting. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

Warrants signed 19067 P/R; 19068 A/P; 20001 P/R; & 20002 A/P

2020 Liquor License Renewal for Jolley was approved and signed.

Repro schedule was approved and signed for the printing of the town reports.

Vermont Elevator Inspection Services contract was signed to lock in pricing.

The State of Vermont Certificate of Highway Mileage was approved and signed.

Adjourn: Tom moved to adjourn at 8:31 pm. Callie seconded. All were in favor.