

**Town of Moretown
Selectboard Meeting
Via conference call
04/06/2020**

Board Members Present: Tom Martin, John Hoogenboom, Rae Washburn, Callie Streeter, Don Wexler

Guests Present: Karen Horn, Jon Siegel, Neil Nussbaum, Jamie Wimble, Cory Stephenson, Martin Cameron, Stefan Pratt, Greg Nagurney, Hadley Laskowski, Sasha Elwell-Badore

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Tom

Public Comment: Karen offered help if it was needed during this pandemic.

Neil presented a petition to the SB to have a meeting on pulling from the school district. All agreed that it should be an in-person meeting, so it will be pushed out for when the dust settles from the pandemic. Neil will send the SB some points/benefits from pulling out of the school district.

Jamie was inquiring on behalf of the library, making sure that there are going to be no rentals of the town hall through the pandemic. There is not going to be. She also asked the SB about any freezes on the budget. There is none at this time. She let the SB know that the Wi-fi is accessible from the town hall parking lot and there is no password on it right now, so that it can be utilized by anyone needing it. She also let everyone know that Cory is still continuing to do curbside service for reading material requests. She has a process in place so that the material is quarantined and cleaned before being put back into circulation. There are audio and e-books accessible from their website, you do need a library card. If you do not have one, send Cory an email and she can assist with that. She let the SB know that the May move date, to go back to the library building is not going to be possible with the social distancing. Rae motioned to extend the library stay at the town hall until June 2021. John seconded. All were in favor.

Tom brought up being notified of signs and tape being put up around the facilities behind the Town Office. The SB all agreed that the nature trails should be accessible, as long as people are practicing the social distancing.

6:30 Pandemic – since the middle of March the office employees set up to work from home. About a week and a half later the road crew started staying home to be practicing social distancing, only working on essentials, grading, etc. Martin said that the road crew has been very flexible and applauds the job they have been doing. They are all keeping a balance of staying safe and putting in some hours. SB members are pleased with the upkeep that has been done on the roads. Martin's concern is getting the "spring cleaning" done, and that it just may end up being a year that not a lot of road projects get established. The SB would like the road crew to continue as they have been doing and then see what is going on in the next two weeks with the stay at home order.

Stefan – Fire Chief / Emergency Management Center, asked Cory to speak on what they have been doing. Both Stefan and Cory are part of the Mad River Valley Emergency Response Team. Cory is the volunteering coordinator for Moretown. They have about 200 people on the volunteer list, to be matched up with "needs" as they come. One on one matches with those in need of groceries or whatever, part of the neighbors helping neighbors. Stefan has cancelled the April trainings / meetings for the fire department, keeping all safe throughout the pandemic. He advised that there is no ban on burning right now and he is issuing burn permits, with some restrictions.

6:45 Excavator purchase: Tom and Martin met to open the bids. The lowest one was the Case from Beauregard Equipment, (\$145,000-174,000) with the trade in. They give full service on it for 3 years / 2,000 hours, whichever comes first. Tom motioned to purchase the Case with the town's money and figure out how to pay it back with the Finance Committee later. John seconded. All were in favor.

6:58 Sidewalk update: John let everyone know that the project is on hold for now. He will be talking to Chris Hunt on April 15, regarding another update.

Old Business: there was none

New Business: Don spoke about the Mad River Valley Ambulance and supporting them now is more important than ever. Tom thought a vote could be done about giving them money on the August Primary ballot. John agreed.

Tom thought that the first virtual meeting went well.

Greg spoke up about filling the two positions that are vacant, Town Grand Juror and Agent to Prosecute. Tom motioned to appoint Greg Nagurney to the two positions. John seconded. All were in favor.

Stefan brought up the air-packs the fire department is going to need by the end of the year. He wanted the SB to be thinking about it. Tom thought that there could be more opportunities after the dust settles from the pandemic, like there was after Tropical Storm Irene.

Martin brought up the chloride truck, it needs a lot of work and June is when the roads start needing the treatment. He has priced out trailers with Lucky's and Green Mountain Trailers, \$5200 vs. \$5700. The truck will be cleaned up and put out for sale to recoup the money for the trailer. Rae motioned to go ahead with the trailer purchase. John seconded. All were in favor.

Dickerson Road was discussed briefly, there was an up-rooting of a large Maple, compromising the integrity of the road. Martin has marked the area with cones, for safety. He advised that the state needs to take a look at it. He feels that it is going to need large rip rap, and it needs the expertise of the state and also asked Rae to take a look at it for his opinion on it as well.

John motioned to accept the minutes from the 03/02/2020 meeting. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

Adjourn: Tom motioned to adjourn at 7:18. John seconded. All were in favor.