

**Town of Moretown
Selectboard Meeting
Via conference call
05/04/2020**

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

Guests Present: Stefan Pratt, Hadley Laskowski, Tony – MRVTV, Rob – Orca Media, Sasha Elwell-Badore

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Tom

Public Comment: There was none.

6:05: Re-appointments: John made the motion to re-appoint Dara Torre as the CVRPC representative and Joyce Manchester to the TAC representative. Rae seconded. All were in favor. John made the motion to re-appoint Greg Nagurney to the DRB alternate. Rae seconded. All were in favor.

Adopting the yearly LEMP (Local Emergency Management Plan): Tom made the motion to adopt the LEMP. John seconded. All were in favor.

Dickerson Rd: all the permits that are required, have been received by the town. The two bids were from Dubois and Blow & Cote. Dubois came in with the lowest bid. John made the motion to hire Dubois. Don seconded. All were in favor. Rae recused himself. Tom will sign off on the Dubois contract, they are striking the 15% that was in the contract. Rae will communicate with Don, Martin and Sasha, as to when things will get started. The plan is that the road will have one lane open at night for residents that live on Dickerson Rd. Stefan will let the Mad River Ambulance and the State Police know that the construction is going on. Martin and the road crew will work on putting up the temporary mailboxes for the residents as well.

6:15: Old Business: Construction will be starting next week, they should be next to the fire department for about a week. The Lone Pine will be coming down on Thursday, Tree Works will be the ones cutting it down. The next meeting will have a sidewalk presentation, so as to keep village residents up to date. There will also be postings at the store and post office with contact info if anyone has questions or inquiries about the construction. Discussion was had on the next meeting and possibly meeting at the town

hall or maybe outside, all depending on the Governor's next announced steps. It will be at 5:30 May 18, location is to be determined.

John had an email with the new dates from David Hoyne, everything has been pushed back a month. The sidewalks need to be done before the paving is to be done, which at this point will be late summer for that.

Dubois has asked to use part of the parking lot at the school/community parking for staging material for the sidewalk project. All agreed that it would be fine.

The question on the bridge project came up, Sasha will follow up with Jennifer Zorn with the state. Concerns were voiced about the traffic with Pony Farm Road, Rae suggested getting with AOT/Chris Hunt and see if they could put up a couple of message boards.

MOU was discussed, regarding general maintenance, of the rec fields, etc. for the long term and short term. It will be discussed with Martin in regard to the \$12,000, to see if that is still an accurate amount. Security cameras are the only thing that would be in addition, to see what is existing and possibly having more cameras, as far as the parking lot and towards the back of the school and toward the town office. Questions were asked about the paving of the parking lot. John said that it won't be done until the drainage issue is completed, along with some landscaping. There is a stormwater management plan with a filtration system, that needs to be completed first. He also informed the board that he was told that the paving was going to be entirely covered by the grant.

Reports & Communications: Sasha told the board that Michael Brown was actually elected and needed it on record (so as to not show being appointed). Also, that the Duxbury fire contract came back and will need the board's signatures. Sasha will work on getting them over the next few weeks. Tom asked how things were going with the office. Sasha let the board know that things have been going well and Rae has been great about getting the warrants signed electronically. Tom wants to be sure that safety equipment is in place, and that we have a transition plan in place, there's concern about opening back up with care. We should start thinking about installing plexiglass guards, cleaning supplies and masks. Sasha informed the board that a lot of items are on back order.

New Business: Callie had nothing. Don said that he has been working with Mike Dimotsis on Green Up. Mike has bags if anyone is interested. John mentioned the annual Arbor Day conference, it will be a webinar. One topic will be town forest management. He would like a team/committee to get the town's opinion. Also, mentioned the parcel on the Moretown Mountain Road and more discussion needs to be

done on that, so that residents know about it. Rae brought up Morefest, wondering if it was too early to talk about it. There was no money put into a budget for it this year, Tom said that no one was really willing to do any fund raising, it is a big job. Nothing is planned as of right now, possibly in the spring there could be some kind of celebration, getting through the Covid 19 and the sidewalk being completed would be a good reason for a celebration. John said that a publication that came out Friday shows that 1-5 cases are in Moretown, it was showing zero, but has now changed. Other towns that changed were Waitsfield and Granville.

Don voiced concern about meeting at the townhall for the next meeting, being in a closed in area may not be a good idea yet. Tom suggested waiting to see what the Governor says in the coming days and then decide next week. Possibly doing video chat or meeting outside would be an alternative. The board is adamant about keeping the village informed on the construction projects. Rae said that Dubois will be getting hand outs to the village residents to keep them updated.

John made the motion to approve the minutes of 4/20/2020. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

There was discussion on the two positions still vacant, the service officer and 1st constable. Sasha had one inquiry about the 1st constable and will reach out to see if they are still interested, and then go from there.

Don brought up the tax discussion again, he doesn't want the brainstorming on this topic to be put off. He would like it implemented that there is some kind of break for people that pay their taxes early, such as July / August. John will bring it up at the next Finance Committee meeting, so the committee can work up a proposal, along with repaying the excavator. The tax discussion could be talked about more at a June meeting.

The next meeting will be construction based, pending location.

Adjourn: Tom made the motion to adjourn at 7:16 pm. John seconded. All were in favor.