

**Town of Moretown
Selectboard Meeting
Via Zoom Meeting ID 620 104 2716
Passcode D84ysR
08/18/2020**

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

Guests Present: Cherilyn Brown, Stefan Pratt, Martin Cameron, Sasha Elwell-Badore

Meeting called to order at 6:47 pm by Tom, (due to technical difficulties with all having issues getting into Zoom)

Public Comment: there was none

Tax Rate: Cherilyn was present to go over the tax rate with the SB.

Municipal is 0.50 (up from 0.44 last year)

Residential is \$1.72 = totaling \$2.22

Non-Residential is \$1.71 = totaling \$2.21

John made the motion to set the tax rate on the following figures; Residential \$2.22 and Non-Residential \$2.21. Callie seconded. All were in favor. Cherilyn and Sasha will get the tax bills printed and out in the mail on Wed/Thurs. Tom will get a post out on FPF for next week about getting tax money in soon. Tom would like tax due date on pending business so that the finance committee can discuss this.

6:59: Martin was present to go over the issue with Rodney's truck (2012 Mack). Clark's could have a new truck ready in October, it would be all set up (complete with body, plow and wing). The trade in value that they would give the town for the 2012 would be \$40,000, bringing the cost to the town \$145,000. A new dump body for the truck would cost \$30,000-45,000 and would take 3-4 months before the town would have it. Discussion was had on an article for the November ballot to replace the truck. If the SB decides to go with Clark's, they will need a letter of intent to hold the truck. Martin agreed to shop around for more quotes. Tom will work with Cherilyn on the wording for an article on the November ballot. Rae made the motion to have on the November ballot an article for a new dump truck, not to exceed \$160,000. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

7:30: Discussion was had on the bridge closure, Martin said that he plans on grading Pony Farm Road once a week, weather permitting.

John spoke with Marilyn Spaulding and there is damage to her yard where a tractor trailer turned around. More signage was discussed to head off the big trucks before they have no choice to use someone's yard.

Reports and Communications:

7:50: Brief discussion was had on the new easement for Howland Brown and Reki Auclair and the St Patrick's church, so that the sidewalk project can be wrapped up. John said that Howland has the new easement and will be having his lawyer go over it and hopefully will be signed and returned quickly.

Don inquired about the signs for Pony Farm Road, Tom asked Sasha to go ahead and order them.

Tom bought up an email with concerns about the "mess" left by the projects in town, at the Zschau's. More discussion will be had on some solutions for the residents.

Tom said that he received a call regarding some barking dogs and he contacted Shane Grace, he is working on it.

Mandy with MES sent out an email for input on having porta potties for the kids for learning outside. The SB agreed that there should be no issue with it and are willing to help.

Nancy Van Dine emailed to see what the plan is with the library building. It is still being utilized by the library and the historical society, so it is too early to be talking about it now.

Tom wants everyone to be thinking about the budget, as to where some things could be frozen, such as the library assistant and no over time.

Rae has had a few phone calls about complaints on Pony Farm Road, he wanted it put out there that it would be better if they were directed to Sasha. Tom said that the emails should go through Sasha and then be forwarded onto the SB. Anyone can also call Tom or John with concerns as well.

John said that he responded to John Atkinson, he sent over the contract for construction to the SB and John was the only that had time to look at it.

Old Business: John made the motion to approve the SB minutes from 8/03/2020. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

John brought up needing a change order from Dubois and the SB approving an additional \$75,000 to be added onto the contract. Dubois can not get paid with out the SB approval. John made the motion to add \$75,000 to the Dubois contract. Rae abstained. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

Rae explained the need to use more material on the Dickerson Road project, since there was a bit of a difference in the quote vs the actual invoice. Tom said that it is fine to pay, there was just some clarification needed.

Brief discussion was had about having in person meetings again, there's just not enough of the SB that is comfortable with it yet. There could possibly be a meeting of half and half, using the town hall and Zoom.

New Business: Stefan was present to let the board know he still has masks that the state gave to all towns. He handed out some earlier in the day, and will plan on doing it again in a few weeks.

Stefan also wanted the board to know that he will be replacing some tires on one of the fire trucks, they have not been replaced since 1998.

John mentioned that there is going to be a catch basin on the lower Moretown Common Road and Route 100B for the run-off, things should be better in that area.

Adjourn: Tom made the motion to adjourn at 8:21 pm. Rae seconded. All were in favor.

Warrants 20031 P/R e-checks 3411-3420; 20032 A/P checks 21545-21576; 20033 A/P checks 21279-21285; 20035 A/P checks 21577-21609; 20036 P/R e-checks 3432-3439 and checks 21494-21496 were signed throughout the previous two weeks.