

**Town of Moretown Select Board Meeting
September 7, 2021 at 6:00 PM
At the Town Gravel Pit**

Members Present: John Hoogenboom, Rae Washburn, Callie Streeter, Don Wexler,
(not present Tom Martin)

Guests Present: Orca Media

Site Visit at the Gravel Pit: (notes from John)

Fertilize Yews, Arbor-Vitae (cedars) and Maple trees in early spring; we'll get prices of both inorganic and organic (alfalfa) fertilizers.

Remove small trees and shrubs that are competing with the larger Arbor-Vitae along the north boundary. Road crew should do this now.

Replace dead Arbor-Vitae in front and half dead maple tree along south boundary now or in spring.

Put up more signs at beginning of fire department river access at south boundary (private property, fire department use only, etc.).

**Reconvened at the Town Office
79 School Street
In the John Hoogenboom Meeting Room
At 6:35 PM**

Members Present: John Hoogenboom, Rae Washburn, Callie Streeter, Don Wexler,
(not present Tom Martin)

Guests Present: Orca Media, Rob & Deb Sargent, Steve Magill, Carla Lewis, Sasha Elwell-Badore

Public Comment: Deb, Rob and Steve were present regarding the ATV discussions that have been taking place. They are opposed to having any ordinance created on ATV's. They have great concerns because of the traffic and lack of respect for speed. Both Deb & Rob sent the SB letters explaining their concerns. Callie explained that the SOV has recently changed regarding ATV's. Rae explained that they are just brainstorming as of now, there is nothing set in stone. Solutions are being explored as to get control over the situation. VSP is understaffed and unable to respond to calls of ATV issues and disrespect. Steve brought up a culvert that washed out (a few years

ago) and while it was out, there was no traffic. He suggested possibly putting up one gate that would close the "loop". People could still get to their homes, but it wouldn't be a continuous loop. Rae pointed out that there would still be concerns of ATV's going around it. The subject was left at that the discussions on this topic need to keep going.

7:15 Town Hall Committee – Don & Carla were the only ones able to be present. Don gave an update that they will not be setting up anything at the town hall the day of Morefest, but they will be set up at the rec fields to get the word out and gather opinions that day. Don spoke about the report that Bill Gallup issued after the inspection he performed and would like to move on at least getting the lift (elevator) ADA compliant. The width of the lift and the fact that you need a key to actually use it, makes it non-compliant. The design that was done by Bill Gallup reconfigured the area behind the town hall for two handicap parking spots and the new lift could be accessed from around back. Since water at the town hall is still an issue, brainstorming on getting an engineer to look at it was spoken about. There were a few fire-code issues that have been corrected, so there would be no requirement for a sprinkler system. The committee is going to work on showing how the library in the town hall could look, incorporating it as a "community center". They would also like to look into fixing up the basement for classes/meetings and utilize it more. There still needs to be more discussion on the regulations for voting at the town hall so that it is done correctly.

7:25 Joe Gabaree was unable to make the meeting – Rae will be touching base with him.

7:26 Site Visit at the Gravel Pit – there was no discussion had, John will give Sasha a summary on it for the SB minutes

7:30 RFP's Town Garage – 2021 Efficiency Vermont inspection – Only one bid was submitted to the town for the work that is needed to be done on the town garage. The bid came from Mehuron Electric for the electrical improvements, \$8,495 was the quote. Discussion on what Efficiency Vermont will contribute to the town, Don thought that it was \$4,000. He will contact Brad Long and check on it. Since there was only one bid and it was not for the condensation portion, that issue will need to be addressed at a later date. Sasha will get the SB an updated budget to see where things are at. Rae made the motion to accept the bid as long as the discounted price from Efficiency Vermont will apply. John seconded. All were in favor.

Reports & Communications: Sasha had a list of items to go over. CV Fiber – in speaking with Ron Shems on the MOU presented to the SB, he referred the town to another attorney due to a conflict of interest. Bernie Lambek spoke with Ron and said that he would be happy to look it over for the town.

Robert Turner contacted the office with an update on the RMS, advised that he met with Martin and the rest of the road crew, they have been trying out the program and asked that Robert add a few items. So that is a step in the right direction.

DRB – John Riley requested that the SB appoint Greg Nagurney to the empty seat on the DRB, taking him from the alternate status. Also, Craig Oshkello's term had expired and he wants to be reappointed. John made the motion to appoint Greg Nagurney to the empty seat on the DRB. Rae seconded. All were in favor. John made the motion to reappoint Craig Oshkello as the alternate on the DRB. Callie seconded. All were in favor. Beki Auclair sent in a letter of resignation on the FRC. John was disappointed to hear that. John made the motion to accept her resignation from the FRC. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

After the last SB meeting Sasha did some digging on the LT 18 that Travis Blodgett brought up. The Legal Trail is indeed Legal Trail 15, so Travis was correct.

Laura Gans on Route 2 had a complaint/concern about the speeding going by her residence. John advised that there has been a traffic study done in that area, and being that Route 2 is a state highway there is not much more that could be done.

Mandy from MES had email with a few concerns: one was the day that the mowing is done. She asked that the mowing not be done on Tuesdays or Thursdays due to the ECO classes that are held outside. Sasha will get with the road crew and make them aware of the request. She asked about trees in the town forest and who would they ask when there is a need for attention to a tree. John said that he would be the contact for it, being the tree warden. And if there are any that need cutting, the road crew could do the work. She inquired about the porta potty as well and the SB was unsure what the arrangement was. Sasha will get back with Mandy and give her an update, as well as contact Steve with the Rec Committee.

There was an inquiry about the town hall being used as a rain date location on October 2nd from 11:30-2:00 for a celebration of Erick Titrud's life. The SB had no objection for it being used for that.

Callie – is waiting to hear back from someone at VASA, she is going to try and have them to a SB meeting.

Don – inquired about the Owl. Sasha advised that the invoice was in the stack of papers for approving. Also, asked about the cyber security, Sasha advised that Butternut has in place a program called Carbonite and they are also working with VLCT to make the security stronger.

John mentioned the Ryan Booska accident at the intersection of Route 2 & Route 100B. Brief discussion was had on it. He also asked about David Specht looking into the junk yard on Route 2. Sasha let the SB know that David was ill and he is going to look into in.

Old Business: Rae has concerns about CV Fiber and how much they are asking the town for. According to their map, there are spots that are camps and there will never realistically be fiber to those locations because there is no power going to them.

New Business: there was none

7:50 **SB Minutes 8/17/2021** – John would like it noted that when he spoke about the Waterbury Rec and Covid (on page 3) it was actually the summer/day camp that the Rec sponsored. He also said that there was some confusion on the “poplar” tree. There is a Mtn Ash that should come down in that area and he advised that he would call Martin on it. **John made the motion to accept the SB Minutes of 8/17/2021 as amended.** Callie seconded. All were in favor.

7:57 Rae mentioned the **RFP for the Fletcher Road Bridge**, he worked on it over the weekend. He asked that it be sent out to Blow and Cote, Winterset, and Parent Construction.

8:00 **RFP for the Town-Wide Reappraisal**, brief discussion was had. Callie made the motion to accept the RFP for the Town-Wide Reappraisal. John seconded. All were in favor.

Warrants signs and approved:

Accounts Payable 21034 check 22471-22511

21036 check 22512-22535

21037 check 22536-22557

Payroll 21035 e-checks 3752-3763

Bliss Bar liquor license was signed and approved.

John signed off on the State Highway Access & Work Permit for the stormwater project that Cherilyn needed approved by Tom and John. Tom’s signature will need to be done at a later time.

Adjourn: John made the motion to adjourn at 8:10 PM. Rae seconded. All were in favor.