
**Town of Moretown Select Board Meeting
October 04, 2021 at 6:00 PM
79 School Street
In the John Hoogenboom Meeting Room
Via ZOOM Meeting ID 620 104 2716 or call in: 929-205-6099**

Members Present: Tom Martin, John Hoogenboom, Rae Washburn (arrived at 6:30 PM), Callie Streeter, Don Wexler

Guests Present: ORCA Media, Travis Blodgett, Emily Wood, Chuck Burt, Ira Hatch, Steven Hatch, Erika Frazer (VR), Sasha Elwell-Badore

Meeting called to order by Tom at 6:00 PM

Public Comment: Ira was present to speak with the SB about the town wide tax map update in 2017. He had some changes to his land, then paid for a survey to be done. He recorded the survey in Feb 2021. The mylar was missed and his tax bill was not updated before the grand list was launched. He is looking for an explanation on the original error. Tom advised that it will be worked on, Tom estimated that the explanation could be obtained, perhaps in the next two weeks.

Travis let the SB know that the Planning Commission minutes have not been posted on the town website since June. Sasha will check into it and get it rectified.

Travis had a complaint regarding some ATV's on the Mountain Road over the weekend. They were driving on the opposite side of the road and they also rode the sidewalk through the village as well. John H advised that they went by his house as well. Tom asked that any time something of that nature happens, please call the VSP.

6:19 PM Errors & Omissions:

Barbara Kohn, span 408-127-10408 went from \$433,600 to \$415,300 making a difference of \$18,300 – corrected acres per survey map slide 89 from 166 acres to 139 acres and corrected the ownership.

Calvin & Sharon Ward, span 408-127-10791 went from \$491,500 to \$513,200 making a difference of \$21,700 – corrected acres per map slide 90 from 2 to 3.3 acres and corrected the ownership.

Ira Hatch, span 408-127-10330 went from \$182,100 to \$203,800 making a difference of \$21,700 – corrected acres per survey map slide 90 prior 29 acres to 49.7 acres.

John made the motion to approve the Errors & Omissions. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

6:21 PM Library Trustee – Emily Wood was present to discuss the heating for the library building and the town hall. Their budget is over on the heating for the town hall. She inquired about combining the two lines for heat (for both the library and town hall), taking the amount from \$2,500 to \$3,500. Tom advised that it could be figured out, get with Gillespie's and make it more accurate.

Emily advised that the assistant librarian moved on, making a career change. Tom suggested that they contact other local libraries and see if their assistant librarians would be interested in picking up some Moretown hours.

6:26 PM **Bids for Fletcher Road Bridge** – there were **none** received.

Winterset advised that they were not bidding due to the lack of detail.

Parent Construction advised they were too busy.

Blow & Cote didn't respond after a few inquiring questions.

In conclusion, the scope of work needs more detailed on the RFP and the terms of the grant need to be looked at as well (with the deadlines).

6:30 PM **CV Fiber** – Chuck Burt was present to give an update. They have been working on the entire pole inventory for the town of Moretown. The village and Pony Farm Road have both been done. An RFP for operating maintenance has gone out. Since the last time Chuck came in, Worcester has voted on committing \$55,000 to CV Fiber. They are also partnering up with WEC, Chuck explained that they are more able to get "debt", having been in business for so long and they will be able to run the fiber as well. They will be prioritizing the WEC lines first. Some concerns were that CV Fiber may have over estimated areas, (such as camps). Chuck explained that they have figured out a "fix". There would be a wireless option at the nearest pole, as long as the residence has power.

Brief discussion on the ARPA funds was had, explaining that some of the Recovery money can be used to cover the stormwater project. VLCT has advised not to make a commitment at this point and to wait for more direction. When asked what the time line is for CV Fiber, Chuck said that this winter, construction will be starting. The Moretown Pilot (Moretown Common Road) could have service as early as next summer. Their goal is to get the under-served, served. Tom wanted to be sure that Chuck knows that the town is not saying NO, but this needs to be taken slow and be sure that the town is doing the right thing. Chuck appreciated that, being a Moretown resident. As well as the SB appreciating Chuck & his credibility. He will be checking in with Sasha in the next few months. The email to reach either himself or Karen Horn is: Moretown@cvfiber.net.

Reports & Communications: PTO inquired about what the SB's thoughts on trick or treating are. Quick discussion was had, CDC guidelines, perhaps doing outside candy stations and continue on with the mask wearing and social distancing.

Ballots for the HUUSD Bond Vote for Nov 2 are available, Tom would like it put out on FPF so that people can request them.

Sasha advised that there have been a few conversations with Mike Tarrant regarding the LT 17, pushing to get it wrapped up by the end of the year.

Sasha let the SB know that Robert Turner has a meeting scheduled with Martin and then he is planning on coming to the town office to get with Cheryl/Sasha, hoping to get this RMS implemented.

Northern Basement Systems got back to Sasha with their recommendation, for starters. The assessment they would like to see start is adding in an industrial sided dehumidifier. There would need to be a louvered door installed to the utility room so the room can breathe and absorb the moisture. There is a filtering system built into it and it would help eliminate the odors that are being absorbed into the organic materials in the town hall. Cherilyn has reached out to the Historical Preservation for approval, (conditions of the grant for preserving the windows), they approved the addition to the town hall.

A designated signer needed to be volunteered for the Efficiency Vermont grant for the electrical upgrades at the town garage. Don was appointed to that task, once they have the document signed, the electrician can get the work scheduled - to be completed before the end of the year.

John went to the virtual VLCT annual meeting, it was done in person and via ZOOM. Sessions are continuing throughout this week and he said that Cherilyn is attending some of them.

Old Business: Rae set up a meeting with Suzanne Smith regarding her drainage issue. He also spoke with Joe Gabaree, advised that it would be easiest for the monument to be moved back a little bit, so that a new foundation can be placed and then just move the stone back and be done all at once. He also spoke with Martin about trailer endorsements and he advised Martin is making it a priority this fall.

Brief discussion was had on the forest management that Steve Robbins spoke about at the last meeting. John mentioned that a committee needs to be formed, Don suggested including Michael Brown since he is a forester.

Morefest: Don said that the hat fundraiser was a success, Deerfield Design gave the town a break on the cost. Once he gathers all of the money, he will get it to Cherilyn to go towards next year's Morefest. Tom thought that it went really well, everyone did a great job. Quite a few people were there, maybe two to three hundred. The Fire Department did a great job with the corn and are now famous for their fries. Lawson's Finest was good and even the cupcakes done by Sarah Auger.

Don let everyone know that the town hall / library committee is having a meeting Friday October 17. October 21 there will be a virtual meeting. This coming Thursday they have a meeting to prepare for next week and afterwards they will make it ready for the Celebration of Life for Amy Eilers. The SB observed a moment of silence for Amy.

Callie spoke with Danny Hale at VASA, the change that brought about some of the discussions with ATV's really changed nothing. Whatever has been in place, is still in place. Only some of the wording has changed, but nothing new was implemented. He advised that he would help the town with figuring out an ordinance, if needed. He believes that the ATV's that are around now are just the "locals", not VASA. There aren't many of their trails in Moretown and they have no interest in expanding here. Callie said that she has a game camera set up and has caught someone on their property, maybe more would be caught if there were a few more cameras.

Callie spoke about a van that has been parked in the roadway throughout the summer, right on the corner of Jones Brook Road, near the old schoolhouse. Tom advised her to call VSP.

Tom asked that a follow up with Lt David White at VSP be done regarding the contract spoken about when he was at the SB meeting. Sasha will get with him and see where he is at.

New Business: Lee Anne Martin has requested being appointed to the Recreation Committee. John made the motion to appoint Lee Anne. Don seconded. All were in favor.

There was brief discussion on the Stormwater hearing with the DRB. The continuance is scheduled for October 21. There may be a need for an easement on Howland Brown and Beki Auclair's property. This would be for the overflow area that would tie into the catch basin by St Patrick's church. The plan is to clear up some issues before the next hearing. Pam Deandrea is leaving CVRPC, but she is committing to work through this with the town on this grant.

7:40 **Zoning** – David Specht was present to ask the SB their opinion on the developing and the safety of Class IV roads and Legal Trails. Several towns are having this issue, the roadways are not wide enough for two vehicles and an emergency vehicle can not get through in most cases. Some places implement a bypass every three to four hundred feet, a pull off for traffic to pass. David is asking the SB if it should be addressed in road policies; the Class IV Road policy; or in the Zoning Ordinance. Tom asked that he do some research into what other towns are doing and report back the SB.

Tom asked David to explain what happened with the permit issued to Dan Noyes. David explained that it should have gone to the DRB, he did not respond within the 30 days of the application. He issued the permit on the thirty second day. The adjoining neighbor has appealed it and is included in the October 21st DRB hearing. David was asked how he did not respond within the thirty days. David admitted to making a mistake on this one. He was then asked about having any others that were missed on that time line. Tom inquired about the Lucinda Newman application, he then admitted to having made a mistake on that one as well.

Rae asked David what is going on with the old schoolhouse on Jones Brook Road. David advised that the landowner was doing some improvements and structurally there was nothing changing, so she initially did not need a permit. Then they ran into high ground water and proceeded to raise it four to five feet, which was reported by a neighbor. David did a sight visit and let the landowner know that they need a permit for what they were doing. She complied, and paid the penalty for not obtaining one. The application has been sent onto the DRB and will be part of the hearing on October 21st as well. There was some discussion on how they are able to continue working. David said that the permit should be posted now, (after saying he has not approved it).

7:57 Tom **made the motion to go into Executive Session** under the provisions of Title 1, Section 313(a)(4) a disciplinary or dismissal action against a public officer or employee; but nothing in this subsection shall be construed to impair the right of such officer or employee to a public hearing if formal charges are brought. John seconded. All were in favor.

8:22 Tom **made the motion to come out of Executive Session.** John seconded. All were in favor. No action was taken.

Tom made the motion to accept the SB Minutes of 09/20/2021. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

8:29 **Adjourn:** Tom made the motion to adjourn. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

Warrants signed & approved

Payroll 21041 e-checks 3777 - 3786

Accounts Payable 21040 checks 22567 – 22593 and 21042 checks 22594 – 22608

Errors & Omissions signed and approved

Curb cut for Justin Wallick

Curb cut for Laura Morse