
**Town of Moretown Select Board Meeting
Monday, February 07, 2022 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, Don Wexler, Callie Streeter (arrived at 6:10 PM)

Guests Present: MRVTV, Travis Blodgett, Stefan Pratt, Sam Rosenburg, Steve Sharp, Laura Arnesen, Sasha Elwell-Badore

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM by Tom

Public Comment: Travis advised that the SB minutes for 1/18/2022 and 1/20/2022 are not on the website. He asked that the SB not approve those minutes until they can be viewed by the public. Tom agreed.

MRVBC Mad River Valley Backcountry Coalition – Steve Sharp was present to ask the SB permission to have a skiing workshop at the recreation fields. The plan was to have it this winter, but since it is getting so late in the season it's more than likely going to happen next winter. Some of the topics that will be touched on are: safety; gear; navigation; public/private lands; and etiquette. This workshop will be scheduled on a weekend and for approximately two hours. There will be no charge for it, although it will be first come, first serve and limited to 15 participants. Tom asked to be sure that their insurance is covered for this workshop. Steve believes it is covered under the Chapter of Catamount Trail Association.

MRVRD Mad River Valley Recreation District – Laura was present to speak with the SB regarding the amount of money asked for from the town. Expenses have gone up and the field is being maintained in the winter months now, as well. The town was originally asked for \$1,500 and are now asking for \$2,250 a year. Tom advised that the budget is all ready been put in place for 2022, so it would need to start next year. MRVRD has been fund raising and applied for grants, they are working with VTrans and linking together some paths, they have donated reflective vests and bike helmets for kids, among other things.

Mileage Certificate – annually the SB approves this for submitting to the SOV

Reports & Communications: Tom spoke with Clare Rock at CVRPC regarding the zoning issues happening. She is continually cleaning up open permits and plans on speaking with Tom weekly with updates.

Rae advised that there was only one proposal received from the RFP on the Fletcher Road bridge repairs. Parent Construction submitted a proposal for \$92,000, to repair the bridge. Rae

is very confident in the company. Rae made the motion to accept the proposal from Parent Construction for the repairs to the Fletcher Road bridge #42. John seconded. All were in favor. Rae asked Sasha to notify Parent Construction of the SB approval for the repairs.

Rae had a conversation with Ben Abare regarding the trail where Jeff Ladue's camp is, there are concrete blocks there now. The location of the trail should be addressed soon. Discussion was had on putting out an RFP to have 2 surveys done on the LT, priority is on this one and the LT at the end of Freeman Hill Road. Rae will work on something and send it over to Sasha.

Don reached out to two contractors to look at the doors at the town hall.

Finance Review Committee – John spoke about the FRC meeting. The topic of discussion was primarily the trucks. The last five years of expenses are going to be looked at. Discussion on having a new truck every three years was had, and financially it just isn't realistic. Rae pointed out that having a loan every three years for a truck, works out to be a truck lasting for at least six years. A maintenance schedule for the equipment needs to be looked at as well. There is nothing in writing, but they do keep track of what they do to each truck. John mentioned the FD tanker, perhaps looking into rebuilding the one they have is an option, it could be cheaper and there wouldn't be so much of a wait. Ordering a new one at present is 18-30 months out. Rae suggested looking into other towns upgrading, what someone else has may work for Moretown and still be an upgrade. Tom suggested that Stefan put some effort into figuring/exploring all options and have him come back to a SB meeting in April with the information he obtained. John mentioned still needing another member on the FRC. He said that Rae would be a good addition with his background. John made the motion to appoint Rae to the vacant seat on the FRC. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

Old Business: Tom would like to start discussions about the Zoning Administrator and the ARPA funds. The PC should be involved with the job description and pay, once that is worked on the position can be advertised again. The contract with CVRPC is up April 30th.

Masks: quick discussion was had on the requirement for wearing masks. Tom made the motion to continue the mask mandate at the town hall and to include the town office. John seconded. All were in favor. This needs to be re-visited every thirty days.

Tom mentioned security online, he has been thinking about it and passwords should be re-done periodically. He asked that Sasha contact Butternut Systems and have Mike call Tom to discuss this further.

New Business: February 22, 2022 at 6:00 PM will be the regular SB meeting. Then at 7:00 PM the Informational meeting will be held in place of Town Meeting. The SB is encouraging attendance via ZOOM, while the SB is present at the town office, along with Cherilyn, Steve Magill and Sasha. (in order to keep the crowding to a minimum)

Warrants signed & approved

Payroll 22004 e-checks 3878 – 3886

Mileage Certificate – signed and approved

Town Road and Bridge Standards – SB adopts annually – Tom made the motions to accept them as written last year. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

CAI – yearly contract was approved and signed.

Adjourn: Tom made the motion to adjourn at 7:29 pm. Callie seconded. All were in favor.