
**Moretown Select Board Meeting
March 7, 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**

Organizational Meeting Followed by Regular SB Meeting

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

Guests Present: MRVTV, Stefan Pratt, Chuck Burt, Sam Rosenberg, David Stapleton, Karen Horn, Travis Blodgett, Sasha Elwell-Badore

Meeting called to order by at 6:00 PM

Public Comment: there was none

Organizational: Elect a Chair: Rae made the motion to elect Tom. John seconded. All were in favor. Elect a Vice Chair: Rae made the motion to elect John. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

The following positions were kept the same, except Robert Wimble was taken off the list, as he is now residing in Arizona.

Select Board meetings are the first and third Mondays at 6:00 PM, at 79 School Street, Moretown, in the John Hoogenboom Meeting Room, Tom so moved to continue. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

Quick discussion on the vacant Service Officer was had, the SOV takes care of most of the help needed. Someone could always contact the Local Service Committee for additional assistance.

SELECT BOARD APPOINTMENTS 2022

Fence Viewers:	Jonathan Siegel, Rae Washburn
Agent to Convey Real Estate:	Sheila Getzinger
Town Hall Rental Coordinator:	Cherilyn Brown
Town Hall Manager:	Megan Kathan
Tree Warden:	John Hoogenboom, Eric Howes Alternate
Fire Warden as appt'd by State:	Stefan Pratt
Inspector of Lumber, Shingles, Wood & Coal:	Charlie Abare Sr.
Service Officer:	Vacant
Health Officer:	Richard Valentinetti
Town Attorney:	Ron Shems
Newspaper of Record:	Times Argus/Valley Reporter/FPF
Mad River Resource Solid Waste Alliance:	Jonathan Siegel, Doug Reed-Alternate
MRV Recreation District Board Rep.	Sam Rosenberg
Animal Control Officer & Pound keeper:	Stefan Pratt

Zoning Administrator:	CVRPC – Clare Rock
E911 Coordinator:	Stefan Pratt
Website Administrator:	JB Weir/Chuck Burt
Energy Coordinator:	Dara Torre
Emergency Management & Civil Defense Mgr:	Stefan Pratt
Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission	Dara Torre, Joyce Manchester Alt.
TAC Representative for Moretown:	Joyce Manchester, Dara Torre Alt.
Financial Review Committee:	Jason Aronowitz, John Hoogenboom, Bob Holden, Rae Washburn, Cherilyn Brown
CVSPAB (CV State Police Advisory Board):	Tom Chenette & Clarence Wood
Ridge2River Mad River Watershed Committee Rep.	John Hoogenboom, Dara Torre
Economic Development Committee:	Tom Martin/Don Wexler
CV Fiber:	Chuck Burt/Karen Horn/Sam Rosenberg
Agent to Prosecute/Defend Suits:	Vacant
Morefest Committee:	Lee-Anne Martin, Lindsay Staples
CVRPC Clean Water Advisory Board:	Joyce Manchester/John Hoogenboom
Moretown Local Service Committee:	Cherilyn Brown/Michelle Beard/Mary Moulton, Sasha Elwell-Badore

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

If a town recognized holiday falls on a Monday the Selectboard meeting will be held on the first Tuesday following the holiday.

Select Board	1 st & 3 rd Monday	6:00 pm
Planning Commission	1 st & 3 rd Tuesday	6:30 pm
Development Review Board	Thursday as warned	6:30 pm
Fire Department	1 st & 3 rd Tuesday	7:00 pm
Historical Society	3 rd Wednesday	7:30 pm
Library Trustees	2 nd Thursday (every other month)	7:00 pm
HUUSD Board	1 st & 4 th Wednesday	6:00 pm
Local Service Committee	2 nd Wednesday	7:00 am

Authorize warrant signers (up to two) when a quorum is not available:

Remaining the same – John Hoogenboom and Rae Washburn

Liaisons for various town boards, offices, committees, and personnel:

Road Crew – Tom & Rae
Fire Department – Tom & Callie
Historical Society - Rae
Library/Town Hall Custodian – Don
Rec Committee - John
Town Clerk/Treasurer – John & Tom
Animal Control - Tom
Zoning/DRB/PC – John & Tom
Moretown HUUSD Reps – John & Tom
Tax Collector - Callie
Storm Water Management/MRGP – John & Rae
Moretown Local Service Committee – Callie
Morefest –

John made the motion to accept the appointments as read by the Chair. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

Reports & Communications: there was a motion needed to officially allow NEMRC to continue on with the lister duties, Rae so moved. John seconded. All were in favor.

The library has asked to borrow the OWL for a meeting in April. The SB agreed and they can also use the screen to go along with it.

An email from Elisabeth Mazzilli was received asking the SB to appoint her to the library trustees, for a one-year commitment. Tom made the motion to appoint Elisabeth Mazzilli to the library trustees for one-year. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

Originally Grace Vinson with CVRPC was going to join the SB meeting to be included with ARPA Funds discussions. Unfortunately, she is leaving CVRPC so Bonnie Waninger will be filling in, but she is not able to attend a meeting until April 18th. Earlier in the day Bonnie sent Sasha an email to gather up any questions that the SB would have regarding ARPA. There was nothing specific at that time.

Rae let the SB know that the RFQ – village sewer; RFP – LT surveys; and RFP – tractor, have all gone out and are due back to the office on April 4th, 2022.

Old Business discussion was had on projects that are in progress and open so to speak. What are we going to be voting on in November? And what is the wording going to be? Don doesn't think that there is enough time between now and then to have proposals, perhaps by March 2023. Don hasn't heard anything more on the Taplin School. Blinking lights, both John and Don would like to get back to that. Tom has actually been playing phone tag with Jeff Cota at the SOV regarding this, it's still on his radar. Fertilizing the trees in the sand pit, should be done with spring just around the corner. There has been no design plan on the gravel pit, Tom pointed out that this may be a good time to look at it due to the sand pile being almost gone.

Safety of people parking there for swimming and the road crew getting in and out of there, is the biggest concern. Maybe the signage needs to be looked at and implemented.

Quick discussion was had on a one to five-year plan for possibly moving the TG. Perhaps scheduling a meeting on the next fifth Monday should be done to see if there is actual interest in it, the census was August would be the next one able to be utilized.

John would like to focus on the blinking lights, the trees at the gravel pit and the forest management plan. John has reached out to a forester, and has not heard back from him yet.

Tom would like to focus on the ZA position and upgrading the website.

6:35 CV Fiber – Chuck was present to ask the SB to nominate Sam Rosenberg to be an additional alternate on the CV Fiber board. Tom so moved. John seconded. All were in favor. Chuck gave a quick update on CV Fiber - they have received \$3,000,000 in grant funds from the SOV. They are lining up for the first service to be functioning by the Fall 2022. They are looking for more grant funds to get the monthly fees lower, as of right now plans are projected to start at \$70 a month. Chuck spoke of an organization that will 100% match what the town gives to CV Fiber, the deadline is September 1st or until the money runs out. CV Fiber came to the SB meeting asking for \$50,000, which is less than the last time Chuck spoke with the SB. As of right now, there are 178 people in town that are under served and the approximate cost per house is \$1,700 (some may be a bit more depending on how far they are from the existing lines). Chuck also advised that the money that Moretown contributes, has to stay in Moretown. Rae inquired about the over all project, what if CV gets to a point and the money runs out? Chuck advised that it is a risk, they have a company contracted that is very carefully planning, so that it does not happen. Karen was strongly urging the SB to contribute so that CV Fiber gets their match. Tom advised that Chuck will be the first to know when decisions are made.

6:50 ARPA Funds Discussion – the interests of the PC are in the CV Fiber, village sewer, and investing in transformable projects. Updating the zoning regulations to make Moretown more attractive to live here. Other thoughts were upgrading the website, upgrade heating/cooling in municipal buildings, implement projects that have been put on the back burner, green spaces, supporting local non-profits, and improving outdoor recreation / community spaces. Karen advised that if the town claims loss of revenue, there is more flexibility in spending the money.

Discussion was had on creating a committee with members from the SB, PC, Rec Committee, and Energy Committee. There is two-disbursements of the ARPA Funds to the town, half in 2021 and half in 2022, totaling \$497,000.

7:20 Planning Commission – ZA Discussion: Clare has been doing a great job. Karen advised that there are many towns having this issue with finding a ZA. The range of pay should be between \$25-\$30 per hour. Huntington was looking into sharing a ZA and then benefits for that individual could be split by the two towns. Tom is going to speak with Barbara Elliott in Huntington again, or perhaps have her to a SB meeting. Clare will be asked about a job description, Karen believes she has interim with Richmond as well, so she has experience at the local level. Adjusting the fee schedule should be looked at as well, check on statutes and be sure that the fees are still affordable.

7:30 Rae made the **motion to approve the SB minutes of 02/22/2022**. John seconded. All were in favor.

Continue Old Business: Tom asked that Don have Carla Lewis attend the next SB meeting to discuss what she has in mind for a Grant Team.

John brought up the Junkyard on Route 2 owned by GHR, he mentioned the fencing looking really bad. Sasha will ask Clare about it and see what can be done.

Tom would really like to clean up some "old" projects.

Rae mentioned how much he likes having in person meetings, the communication hi-cups can be frustrating with the virtual aspect. He feels strongly about meetings being in person.

Masks: the mandate expires on March 14th, there was no disagreement that it should be extended.

New Business John mentioned the FPF posts in praise of the road crew. At that time Stefan inquired about the section of sidewalk by the store that needs attention. Rae confirmed that Dubois is still honoring their word in fixing it.

The grader was brought back from United (formerly Nortrax) where it was being worked on. The engine repairs were done, the invoice came in at \$37,000 + and Tom would like the check held onto until Martin gets some answers on a few items.

Tom asked that Stefan get with the ladies in the office regarding the MRG Permit coming due April 1st. He agreed to.

Warrants signed and approved: PR 22008 e-checks 3901 – 3909

AP 22009 check 22936 – 22958

AP 22010 check 22959 – 22972

Local Emergency Management Plan was approved and signed, as it is done yearly.

Adjourn: Tom made the motion to adjourn at 7:51 PM. Rae seconded. All were in favor.