
Town of Moretown Select Board Meeting
May 2, 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: John Hoogenboom, Callie Streeter, Don Wexler, (not present Tom Martin & Rae Washburn)

Guests Present: ORCA, Travis Blodgett, Stefan Pratt, Denise McCarty, Mike Dimotsis, David Stapleton, Deborah Carroll, Colin Nohl, Patrick Blanchard, Sasha Elwell

Meeting called to order by John at 6:14 PM

Public Comment: there was none

6:15 **Class IV – Brownsville Road – Colin Nohl** was present to ask the SB to address the drainage issues on the upper portion of Brownsville Road. He explained the research he had done, along with the finding of improvements on the lower portion of the road with the assistance of a grant. He would like the SB to consider doing some more work. He advised that there are more families building on the road – making more traffic and bringing more tax revenue. Tom was not able to make the SB meeting, but he did let Sasha know he spoke with Martin Cameron and they do plan on putting in one culvert and bringing some material. Colin was happy to hear that.

6:20 Reports & Communications

The VT Town Forest Fire Warden position is expiring – Stefan would like to continue. Don made the motion to reappoint Stefan Pratt to the position of Fire Warden. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

VLCT is putting out information on offering two additional insurances to employees. Pet insurance and Life insurance. John opted to wait until there was a full board to discuss this. The deadline is the end of May.

Sand bids – there was only one that was submitted to the town and it was E.A Grandfield at \$5.75 per yard. John made the motion to accept the sand bid for \$5.75 per yard from E.A Grandfield. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

PH International, in Waitsfield had an inquiry of renting the town hall for \$50 vs \$275. They are a non-profit that will be hosting a group of 15 Azerbaijani youth exchange students in the Mad River Valley this July. The group will be hosting a farewell potluck on July 12th at 5pm for approximately 2 hours. John made the motion to approve the discounted price of \$50 plus their insurance for the youth potluck. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

Kubota loan interest rates – of the three banks that Cherilyn reached out to, Community Bank was the best. For a three-year term – 2.69% and for a five-year term – 2.99%. John made the

motion to finance the Kubota through Community Bank for the three-year term at 2.69%. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

Callie brought up needing to discuss more on the zoning for buildings on Class IV roads and LT's – maybe something new needs to be addressed in the curb cut process. There was brief discussion on this and David reminded everyone that the PC is in the process of amending the zoning regs for approval at the next Town Meeting. Denise mentioned that she is the one that maintains her road that has been damaged. There are issues of no communication during real estate transactions.

Callie brought up a fund raiser on Herring Brook Road over the weekend, there were probably 40 cars parked on the road (making it single laned). Stefan was called to check on a fire that was reported at the party. He checked it out and the fire ended up being fine, he observed that they had a bar and perhaps 100 people in attendance.

Don spoke briefly about the trees at the gravel pit being fertilized over the weekend.

6:54 **Zoning Administrator** – Patrick Blanchard was present to introduce himself and answered a few questions that the SB had. David advised that Patrick is qualified but a COI (conflict of interest) is being explored. Patrick thought that a couple weeks of training would be sufficient. David asked that he start with studying the zoning regulations. John asked that Patrick come to the next SB meeting so that the full board would be available.

7:11 Callie **made the motion to approve the SB minutes of 4/18/2022**. Don seconded. All were in favor.

7:12 **Old Business**: Stefan is still working on prices for a new tanker and RFP. He is planning on checking out a truck that is comparable.

Stefan asked about it being ok for the road department to go back to their 4/10's. John suggested waiting for the full board to be present.

Quick discussion was had on cement blocks that have been placed and are blocking LT 8. Along with the question if there was anything new with the LT's. Sasha has spoken to Vt Surveyors, Stephen Fraser – and also had a conversation with Charlie Abare, he advised that between his survey and the William Coon's, the trail should be visible. Travis asked about Stephen being properly insured and made mention of him not being experienced with legal trails.

New Business: there was none

Adjourn: John made the motion to adjourn at 7:25 PM. Callie seconded. All were in favor.