
**Moretown Select Board Meeting
July 5, 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, Rae Washburn, Callie Streeter, Don Wexler, (John Hoogenboom was not present)

Guests Present: Lisa Mason, Sasha Elwell

Meeting called to order by Tom at 6:00 PM

John was attending a Climate Change meeting put on by the Friends of the Mad River.

Public Comment Lisa was present to let the SB know about a few dates that the new superintendent will be having meet & greets. The dates will be on FPF as well, he was at the Warren 4th of July parade. July 14th from 4:00 – 7:00 at the Waterbury Farmers Market; August 17th from 5:00 – 7:00 at the Warren Town Hall; and tentatively Sept 10th from 10:00 – noon at the Waitsfield Farmers Market. Morefest was a suggestion as well.

Lisa also wanted to thank the SB/town for the mowing of the recreation fields.

SCBA Gear (Article 11) % rates were obtained from a couple of local banks. The lowest one was Community Bank – 3-year term 3.04% and 5-year term 3.34%. After discussion, Rae made the motion to go with Community Bank, 5-year loan at 3.34% for the SCBA (Article 11) for the FD. Don seconded. All were in favor.

Grant Agreement – River Road Paving – discussion was had on the grant that was award the town for \$112,032 with a 20% town match, being \$22,406. Discussion on where to take the funds will be discussed at the next meeting. Rae will get together with Martin to work on the RFP. Rae made the motion to accept the Vtrans grant for \$112,032 for the repaving on River Road. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

Reports & Communications: Sasha printed off info on dash cameras, as Tom asked. To be discussed in further detail later, the thought is to protect all (employees of the town and the public). A policy will need to be put into place to go along with it.

Sasha corrected the letter for CV Fiber so that can be made official.

Rick Hungerford brought in a donation for Morefest of \$469.52. There was quick discussion on the hats that were sold at last year's Morefest. All agreed to purchase more, they went over well and were all sold. Tom has spoken with the Moretown Store manager and they are willing to donate the money for two pigs at Morefest this year. Sasha will send them an invoice, like last year, (so he doesn't forget).

Rae said that Paula Woods called and had compliments for the road department, they did a great job on the intersection of South Hill and Bradley Road.

Rae let everyone know that Joe Gabaree will be starting on the war monument project. Tom so moved. Rae seconded. All were in favor.

Don asked that maybe everyone could take a look at the management plan for the town hall for the next meeting or the first one in August. Don would like to come to the office during regular hours to check out what there is for information on the structural projects done that the town hall, thus far.

Don mentioned a meeting with Alex (that has been a big help at the town hall with the door) and Martin at the town garage. They looked at the trim that Martin mentioned to the SB and they also discovered a tree that needs to come down – it is one that Martin does not feel comfortable tackling himself. Don will ask the Tree Hugger and Tree Works if they could take a look at it.

Don mentioned the meeting that he and John had with Vtrans regarding the radar speed signs. One of them could be moved down by the sand pit, they have put a stake and flag where they are thinking. The town needs to amend the current permit, buy a new bracket and pour concrete for the sign. Since it is so close to the sand pit, the road department could possibly dig the hole for the concrete and save the town some money. Tom made the motion to move the radar speed sign to the south side of the gravel pit. Rae seconded. All were in favor.

Tom let the SB know that there has been nothing major with the ZA permit. He gave a quick overview. Reminding everyone that Karen will be starting on Monday July 11 and Sasha had reached out to Clare.

There was an email from Dean Moulton received, asking about the position of Agent to Convey Real Estate. Sasha will forward the correct statute onto him.

Rae made the **motion to approve the SB minutes of June 6 and June 20**. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

New Business: there was none

Old Business: The website has had some issues and thanks to Chuck Burt with his assistance, it is back up and running. It was agreed that some work needs to be done on it soon and the SB agrees that the platform of the website should not be changed. Working with Wordpress is the way to continue at this time. Tom asked that Sasha go ahead and contact the lady from Fayston and set up a meeting with her. Perhaps in the future this could be re-visited, but for now keeping what is existing seems the most reasonable. Tom asked that Sasha send along a thank you to the company from Essex.

Road maintenance permits that have been in the works, with attached conditions were signed and approved for George Welles and Mike Brignano. There had been an inquiry about permitting for logging, there is no permit that covers logging. The only approving is for the Road Maintenance Permits for the Legal Trail at the end of Cobb Hill Road.

Warrants signed and approved:

Accounts Payable 22025 checks 23167 – 23178

Accounts Payable 22027 checks 23179 – 23202

Payroll 22026 e-checks 3998 - 4007

Adjourn: Rae made the motion to adjourn at 6:56 PM. Callie seconded. All were in favor.