
Moretown Select Board Meeting
August 1, 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, Callie Streeter, Don Wexler

Guests Present: ORCA, Deborah Feldman, Chris Stephenson, Clark Amadon, Mark Podgwaite, Maggie Burke, Kristen Rodgers, Mike Brignano, Cory Stephenson, Carla Lewis, Betsy Jondro, Moie Moulton, Karen Sauther, Stefan Pratt, John Donaldson, Sasha Elwell

Meeting called to order by Tom at 6:00 PM

Public Comment Chris was present to speak with SB about the fencing that is near the pavilion, outlining the ball field. The Rec Committee is wanting to be sure that it is ok to take out five ten-foot sections so that there is room for "flow" at Morefest. They have found that there is damage to the gate that enters the ball field and plan on having it mended. There has been communications with Mandy at MES, regarding this as well. They would also like to have the two water spickets (one by the fence and one by the back stop) taken out. John asked that he be sure that they have nothing to do with Eugene Grandfield's property before it is done. The SB agreed to the five ten-foot sections to be removed.

Deborah was present to speak with the SB regarding the property on Route 100B that she spoke about at the last SB meeting. Bringing it to their attention that there has been nothing new on it. She spoke with Dick Valentinetti regarding it as well. Sasha let her know that Dick had sent the information over to Ron Shems, so that an order can be worked on.

Kristen was present to remind everyone about the meet & greets with the new superintendent. August 17 – 5:00 – 7:30 at the Warren town hall and September 10 – 9:00 – 10:00 at the Waitsfield Farmer's Market. And that he is very interested in getting with all of the towns. Tom let everyone know that he is also planning on attending Morefest.

6:23 Village Wastewater – Clark was present to give an update on the project, he advised that there was a small group of residents that met to go over the proposals from Dubois & King and Otter Creek. In late June, interviews were had with both companies regarding the feasibility study. Both companies are outstanding, the recommendation from the Village Wastewater Committee is to go with Otter Creek Engineering. Clark volunteered to continue on with being the contact person. The SB agreed that it would work well. Clark will follow through on the application to the SOV, if all goes well, that process should be completed by November. The town should not have to input a dime for this. This feasibility study should answer all of the questions: where possible, does the school have the capacity to handle it, etc. Tom made the motion to accept the recommendation of Otter Creek Engineering. John seconded. Rae

abstained. All that voted were in favor. Clark will join the next SB meeting on August 15 with an update. Tom wanted to be sure that Clark was thanked for all of his efforts with this.

6:34 Waterbury Ambulance – Mark Podgwaite and Maggie Burke were present to speak with the SB about the new facilities that they are fund raising for. The new ambulance that has been ordered is about eight inches too long for the existing building they currently utilize. They have out-grown the building that was built in 1983. They are in the process of taking over a spot right on Route 100 between Waterbury and Stowe. The permits are in the approval process right now. Their fund-raising goal is \$3,000,000, they have raised \$1.5, they still have \$700,000 to go. They are asking the towns that they serve to donate, based on their services. 76% Waterbury, 4% Moretown, and 20% Duxbury. They came to the SB to ask for \$4,000 towards their goal. The new facility will have upgraded overnight areas, better suited for individuals to serve the community. They have two full-time people, and 40 volunteers. The response time in the new location should be even better than it has been. They were only asking for a commitment from the town at this time. The SB is in support of this donation. Tom made the motion to give the Waterbury Ambulance \$4,000 this year/by the end of January. John seconded. All were in favor.

For anyone interested in donating:

Waterbury Ambulance Service, Inc
Attn: Station Creation Campaign
PO BOX 95
Waterbury Center, Vt 05677-0095

6:44 Paving Bids – Rae opened up the paving bids for the River Road project, there were five bids submitted to the town:

Pike Industries, Inc - \$160,881.40

S.T Paving, Inc - \$170,350.00

Freshcoat Asphalt Services - \$170,780.00

FW Whitcomb Construction Corp - \$162,465.00

J. Hutchins, Inc - \$187,278.75

Pike Industries came in at the lowest \$160,881.40 and FW Whitcomb was second at \$162,465.00. Rae will get with Martin to look over the bids in detail and then meet with Cherilyn on funding. After finalizing is done, Rae will come back to the SB with the recommendation and then the SB can make a motion.

6:49 Neck of the Woods – Betsy, Moie, and John were present to tell the SB more about what they are doing. They came to the town to see if they would consider contributing \$25,000 from ARPA Funds to go towards upgrades at their facility. Their next project is to build a kitchen, which would allow the Headstart program to utilize the building as well. With that in place Capstone would be enabled to give staffing to NOW. There is such a huge demand for

child care right now and are so many on their waiting list. 25% of their enrollment is from Moretown residents. 30% of their enrollments are lower income families. Tom suggested that this be put in front of the voters, being such a big amount of money. Tom made the motion to put NOW education center on the ballot for November or March for \$25,000. John seconded. All were in favor.

7:02 **Town Hall Management Plan** – Carla, Deborah, and Cory were present to speak with the SB regarding a draft town hall management plan. The library trustees already met with Cheryl and Sasha for some of their input. Next was the SB input, each section of the changes was gone through and discussed. The suggestion of Cory being the point of contact was asked about, she doesn't believe that it would take up much time. The reasoning in part was that if there was an educational/community event going on, the library could help promote the function. It was voiced that the library being open on the weekend is essential for folks that are unable to get there during the week, but able to utilize the weekend option. Thus far, Cory has had 1,000 visitors and 300 program participants. The paperwork and payment will still need to go through the treasurer, a point that was agreed on. Tom asked that everyone think about it and it can be discussed further at the next SB meeting. Stefan suggested that the snow removal should somehow be included, just so that it is understood.

7:37 **Reports & Communications** The only items Sasha had, were the Sheriff contract, SCBA note and a couple of overload permits.

Rae advised that there was a complaint from Denise McCarty regarding the notification of the work on Cobb Hill. There was a misunderstanding and was resolved quickly. Mike Brignano was on ZOOM to apologize for the inconvenience to all.

Callie said that there has been some issues of 4wheelers going up Lynch Hill. Tom reminded her that the VSP should be contacted.

John brought up the changes that the SB can now lower speed limits and Lynch Hill could be one of those spots. Providing that the proper signage is utilized. Tom asked the Callie work on that.

7:45 John **made the motion to approve the SB minutes** of July 18 & 25. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

7:48 **Old Business** brief discussion was had on seeding ditches within a few days of doing the work, it's important to eliminate erosion. Rae had received a call from someone on the Mountain Road asking about it.

Quick discussion was had on the sheriff contract and radar speed signs. The cost for their services for the remaining portion of the year, would be approximately \$5,000 (\$200 a week). The quote that was obtained from the company the sheriff department recommended for the radar speed sign, is \$10-11,000 for the whole unit. Tom plans on looking at both quotes to compare the features each one has. Quick discussion was had on who the contact in town should be for the sheriff's department, they requested that there be only one person. Rae suggested that Sasha be that person and it was agreed on. Sasha agreed. Tom will reach out to them and confirm a few things, before the signed contract is sent over to them.

The loan note for the FD SCBA was signed, the note was for \$22,000 due to the article being that amount and voted on. The overage will need to come from another place, and Stefan is going to talk it over with the fire department and he is pretty sure that the difference can come out of the tip money from Red Hen.

ARPA Funds, Rae advised the recommendations the committee have spoken about are as follows:

CV Fiber \$50,000

Town Hall architect design \$25,000

SB discretion \$100,000

And then \$29,000 for the Waterbury Ambulance and NOW – were spoken about earlier in the meeting.

Don spoke briefly about the RFP for the town hall, the amount was for \$22,902 which includes \$8,500 for an allowance on a contractor to compose an estimate. The SB agreed on this and are all in support of it. Don **made the motion to hire VIA for the design of the town hall.** John seconded. All were in favor.

Callie suggested that \$100,000 be set aside for a new fire truck.

Karen asked that the town consider a data base to track zoning, she has not done the research on it as far as cost and benefits. Tom asked that she do some research and get back with the SB on it, it may not fall under the ARPA Funds, but it is getting onward toward budget time as well.

Tom would like to have the PC/DRB/SB collaborate in September.

Rae asked that the Gallagher Acres adoption of a private road be added to the pending business.

Warrants signed and approved

Accounts Payable 22031 checks 23233 – 23255

Payroll 22030 e-checks 4021 – 4030

Adjourn: Tom made the motion to adjourn at 8:28 PM. Rae seconded. All were in favor.