
**Moretown Select Board Meeting
August 15, 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: Michael Brown, Stefan Pratt, Clark Amadon, Cherilyn Brown, ORCA, Sasha Elwell

Meeting called to order by Tom at 6:00 PM

Public Comment: none

6:03 **River Road Paving Project** – Cherilyn was present to go over a few options for the financing.

- Use the Capital Reserve and have a vote to pay it back
- ARPA Funds as loss of revenue
- Ask the SOV if there are any other funds to help

Pike's bid came in at \$160,188 and the town's portion would be \$32,000 – \$48,000

No motion was made, discussion was had on whether or not the project could be put out until spring. The pavement wouldn't have a lot of time to settle before winter. Rae is going to confirm that the bid will be the same or even less, to push this project off until spring 2023. The SB agreed that it would make the most sense if the bid can be locked in.

North Moretown Sidewalk Study – Cherilyn needed two people from the SB to volunteer for At the Ready, on the feasibility study. These two people would be working directly with Chris Hunt. Rae and Don both volunteered for this task.

Town Hall Management Plan – Tom wanted to have Cherilyn share her concerns with the SB. Her concerns are with the person managing the town hall bookings, needing to be a third party, one that has no interest in just the library. Don wanted it pointed out that as the library programming is growing, having the library take care of the bookings, would be just a trial for six months.

Tom suggested everyone think about it and the subject came be discussed more at the next meeting.

6:30 **Over Weight Vehicle Restrictions** – Michael was present to ask the SB about lifting the school bus hours on the over weight restrictions. He is a forester and deals with logging and logging trucks. Facilitating trucks is very difficult with the restriction of no trucking during school bus hours. He wanted to start the discussion for the SB consideration. Rae suggested calling the bus barn and communicating with them, as far as the time frame they would be near where the activity would be taking place. Rae believes that with roads being wider now, rather than when

the restriction was taken into consideration for safety-sake in the first place, that there could be less reasoning for it. John's view of it was for safety as well, but there are companies that just do not adhere to it or even bother with overload permits. Tom asked that Sasha do some research on this, and what other towns around are doing.

6:40 Fire Truck – Stefan was present to speak with the SB regarding budget numbers for a tanker truck for the fire department. He has been working (investing approximately 70 hours) on specs for a new one and with all of the requirements, he has composed 39 pages. He received responses from two people. An E1, which is what Waitsfield and Waterbury use, would cost \$466,499. Pierce is another brand that is used in Vermont, (Jericho and Saint Albans), would cost \$557,186. It is still standing at 2-years for ordering and delivery. These prices are good until the end of this year. These trucks have all of the federal requirements, 4-wheel drive and a 2,000-gallon capacity for water. Having the larger capacity eliminates having to use a portable pool at fires. The life expectancy for fire trucks now is between 15-20 years, where it used to be 30. He also advised the SB that the pumper truck is needing repairs, there is on-going work that needs to be done to keep it going. Looking down the road, the fire department will need one. Stefan reminded the SB that 8/15 is the last day for articles to go on the November ballot.

Tom agreed with going ahead and get the voters in on this, for November. Whether the vote is to cover \$450,000 and possible thoughts on using \$100,000 from the ARPA Funds. Rae made the motion to put an article on the November ballot for the tanker truck for the fire department for \$475,000 with financing. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

Stefan brought up a letter of support that Capital West is in need of from the Town of Moretown. Officially recognizing it's support of the Capital Region Communications System Project. Tom made the motion to approve the letter of support. John seconded. All were in favor.

7:20 Village Wastewater update – after some technical difficulties, Clark joined the SB meeting in person. There is a meeting scheduled on Thursday with Otter Creek, that both Rae and Clark are attending. There was discussion on the possibility of extending the lines on Route 2 connecting with Waterbury. The feasibility study will be including that possibility. Clark will be back at the second September SB meeting at 7:00 with an update.

7:30 Reports & Communications

Don advised that the first VIA meeting is Thursday at the town hall, regarding the design.

John attended a Ridge to Rivers meeting and they are wanting to start back up the Road Round Table in September / October, Moretown will be hosting the first one.

Tom advised of a notice that came for the SB in the mail from Ideal Vermont, he asked that Sasha send it off to the SB, so that it can be discussed at the next meeting. They are looking for an answer by September 12.

7:37 **Old Business:** Sheriff Contract, quick discussion was had, just to be sure that everyone was still on the same page. Everyone agreed to it. Sasha will get the contract send to the Sheriff's Department.

At the next meeting the blinking speed sign on the trailer will be discussed, so that decision can be made as well.

Rae spoke with Michelle Redmond with District 6 regarding the road at Gallagher Acres, that is in question of being adopted by the town. There needs to be a survey done after the road is brought up to code. Jennifer Durren will be asked to the next SB meeting. Rae will work with Sasha on the step-by-step process, Michelle had directed him to the Orange Book that the SOV puts out.

7:50 **New Business:** John mentioned the Forest Management Committee Meeting on August 24, taking place at the pavilion.

John asked if there was any update on the McGibbon's Road culvert, Rae will get with Martin on it to see what is going on.

7:56 **Errors & Omissions** signed and approved:

David Jenkinson 5B-010.000 change from \$504,000 to \$0.00

David Jenkinson 5B-021.000 change from \$268,400 to \$740,400

Michael Brown 5B-021.001 change from \$122,100 to \$0.00

Michael Brown 5B-010.001 change from \$650,300 to \$659,400

John made the motion to approve the changes on the Errors & Omissions. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

The Duxbury Fire Contract was signed and approved.

CV Fiber MOU was not approved, there needs to be some more time for SB members to go over it.

John made the **motion to approve the SB Minutes** of 08/01/2022. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

Warrants signed and approved

22032 Payroll e-checks 4031 – 4041

22033 Accounts payable check 23257 - 23287

Adjourn: Tom made the motion to adjourn at 8:02 PM. Callie seconded. All were in favor.