
**Moretown Select Board Meeting
September 6, 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 Streater, Don Wexler

Guests: Chris Stephenson, John Atkinson, Cory Stephenson, Deborah Feldman, Jennifer Duran, Sasha Elwell

Meeting called to order by Tom at 6:00 PM

Public Comment: Chris and John were present to give the SB an update on the work being done with the nature trails and skills park. Kingsbury Construction donated 100 yards of material for the improvements. The PTO is assembling the shed on site this coming weekend. Stefan is helping with the disassembly of the section of fencing for better flow at Morefest. Chris also found out that the water spickets are not attached to Eugene Grandfield, so those will be taken care of as well, before Morefest. They wanted to thank the road crew for the assistance they have given and the material from ditching.

6:10 **HOA Gallagher Acres** – Jennifer Durren was present at the request of the SB to give her an update on what has been found out regarding the town taking over a road in Gallagher Acres. Rae and Martin looked at the road in question and as far as taking it over, it doesn't look like it would be a problem. Rae let Jennifer know that he spoke with District 6 and the road needs to be brought up 12 inches. As well as having easements and surveys done. Jennifer advised that they are working closely with Champlain Consulting and that should not be an issue. Rae also let her know that the mailboxes will need to be relocated as well. Rae will get all the specifics together and get them to her in an email in the next week or two. Jennifer thanked the SB for the efforts thus far.

6:15 **Morefest** – no one from the committee was able to make the meeting (due to either illness or another meeting taking place at the same time as the SB meeting) – Tom let everyone know what he is aware of for updates. Things are moving along, there are a lot of things that will be going on. Lawson's, pig roast, desserts, fries & chili fries and a cake bake off.

6:20 **CV Fiber MOU** – along with the \$50,000 appropriation from the ARPA Funds, there is an MOU that needs to be signed in order for CV Fiber to receive the match. Quick discussion was had on making sure that the wording for going from the pole to a resident is covered by the land owner. Once that wording is added, it can be signed and sent back to CV Fiber.

6:25 **Blinking Speed Signs** – Quick discussion was had on the two different quotes. Sasha was asked to find out more on the sign through Worksafe in Berlin. Warranty, maintenance, etc.

While on the speed sign subject the RSFS existing blinking sign was discussed as well. The permit from the SOV was obtained and now Don is working on a meeting with District 6.

Discussion was had on the inventory that the Sheriff's Department took on the speed limit signs that need replacing. Along with one complaint of an extremely loud motorcycle that comes through the valley about 7:15 am and back through about 4:45 pm. Sasha will contact Bret regarding this.

6:35 **Town Hall Management Plan** – Discussion was had on the pros and cons of the library director scheduling the town hall rentals. Tom suggested a four-to-six-month trial, and see how it is going at that time. John **made the motion** to appoint the library director as the town hall manager. Don seconded. Callie abstained. All the rest of the SB was in favor. In previous conversations regarding the library director scheduling town hall reservations, Cory feels that this task will not take up much of her time. The contact information will need to be changed on the town website. Don pointed out that the snow removal should be discussed as well, just so that everyone is on the same page.

Reports & Communications: Cherilyn passed information along for the SB regarding the Municipal Planning Grant, so that they can make suggestions, perhaps for the Planning Commission.

Cherilyn worked on a grant through Vermont Arts Council for replacing the rear door and emergency exit signs at the town hall. She secured that grant for \$1,848 for those expenses. She needed the SB approval for her to sign and accept the grant. Tom made the motion to accept the funds for the repairs at the town hall. Rae seconded. All were in favor.

A letter to the SB was received asking them to waive the penalty for late filing on the homestead declaration for Loida Alvarez and Jack Byrne's. Quick discussion was had, John made the motion to waive the penalty for Loida and Jack as requested. Rae seconded. All were in favor.

Errors & Omissions – David Jenkinson 408-127-10372 went from \$758,900 to \$771,100. Correction was approved and signed by the SB. Rae made the motion to accept the correction on the Errors & Omissions. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

Michael Brown submitted an email asking about his request to lift restrictions on hours of operation of log trucks during school bus hours. Quick discussion was had and it will be discussed further at either the next meeting or in October.

Callie made the **motion to approve the SB minutes** of 8/15/2022. John seconded. All were in favor.

7:30 **Old Business:** John brought up the second crosswalk in the village, confirming with Rae that it could be done, the suggestion was talked about the road crew pulling the curb out.

Rae asked if Pike had sent a revised contract to the office, Sasha has not seen anything yet. Rae will follow up.

Rae advised that Joe Gabaree took a look at the section of sidewalk that needs fixing by the Moretown General Store. David Westerman voiced some dissatisfaction with the design of the sidewalk in that section. Rae plans on reaching out to Dubois & King for input on it. Afterwards, Tom and Rae plan on discussing it with David. The design is per state regulations, there may not be any other options for this.

Rae mentioned the Kelly Brook legal trail and Jeff Ladue has been ill. He wanted the SB to know that he has not forgotten about it, it's just been on hold.

Don is still working on the condensation issue at the town garage.

John spoke with Ray Munn and he has some concerns about the cars parking at the bottom of Pony Farm Road, it is a safety hazard. Tom will work with Sasha composing a letter to the resident to remind them of the dangers.

John mentioned the GMP spraying in the town forest near one of the pollinator gardens, there is definite evidence. He left a message at GMP for Jared, perhaps going above him should be done. And compose another letter to GMP.

Tom mentioned a complaint that came in regarding damage to a vehicle on the interstate. The truck was driven by Stefan the day of the complaint. Sasha did follow up and be sure that his load of material was tarped and it was. Tom will follow up with a call to the individual.

Dash cams were quickly discussed, Sasha will order them from Amazon for the grader, loader, excavator and four trucks.

New Business: there was none

Warrants signed and approved:

Payroll warrant 22034 e-checks 4042 – 4051

Accounts payable warrant 22035 checks 23289 – 23327

Adjourn: Tom made the motion to adjourn at 7:38 PM. Callie seconded. All were in favor.