
Moretown Select Board Meeting
October 3, 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: Cherilyn Brown, Dick Valentinetti, Martin Cameron, Joshua Ribeiro, ORCA, Gunner McCain, Stefan Pratt, Colin Nohl, Nicholas Phelan, Shane Mullen, Nicole Melone, Bill Zekas, Deborah Carroll, Craig Oshkello, Clark Amadon, David Stapleton, John Riley, Sasha Elwell

Public Comment: Bill was present to speak with the SB about ARPA Funds for the Mad River Valley Senior Center. The organization serves 45 people throughout the Valley, currently serving 8 families in Moretown. It costs roughly \$11,000 to do this. Bill came to ask for \$10,000 from the town. Rae asked that he obtain more specifics and bring the information to the ARPA Committee.

Nicole was present to check in on the status of the Health Order that was presented to Frank Piazza regarding 1013 Route 100B. Tom advised that the SB was planning on discussing this later in the SB meeting in executive session.

6:15 Health Insurance Renewal – Cherilyn was present to go over the renewal of employee health insurance. She advised that Craig Eilers recommends continuing on with the current plan. There is an 11% increase overall, but with the rebate the town receives, depending on claims throughout the year, it may counter balance it. The deadline in holding the quote is October 27th. John would like to look at it closer and wait for a decision at the next SB meeting.

6:20 Village Wastewater – Clark was present to give an update to the SB on the feasibility study. There was not much new going on, he has been having a difficult time getting ahold of Otter Creek, Rae has also left a message for him. Clark is in hopes that in the coming weeks he will be able to speak with some landowners regarding this project and perhaps have test holes done early to mid-December. Clark plans on coming into another SB meeting in November with another update.

6:30 McCain Consulting – was present to speak with the SB regarding upgrading about 1,000 feet of Legal Trail 11 off the Moretown Mountain Road. Tom advised that a Road Maintenance Permit would need to be submitted to the town. At that point Martin would have information as far as what needs to be done. Martin advised that an issue with it is needing to be surveyed so the trail is defined, so that the ROW is known. So having the survey in place and then working with Martin and Rae is the route to take.

6:36 Discussion with DRB, PC & Rd Dept on recent issues on Class IV/Legal Trails – before starting this portion of the meeting Sasha brought to the SB attention that Craig's term has expired and he would like to be reappointed to the DRB. John H made the motion to

reappoint Craig Oshkello to the DRB. Callie seconded. All were in favor. Discussion was had on the issues. John R advised the SB that they have the authority to encourage putting a policy in place, perhaps finding a template from another town that has a policy would be useful. Martin mentioned that there has been a lot of development on Class IV/Legal Trails, the land there seems more affordable. After more discussion a point was made that Class IV/Legal Trails needs to be discussed with the Planning Commission. Surveys need to be completed and decide on who's responsibility it is going to be. Tom thanked the members of the PC and DRB that were able to be present.

7:10 **Health Order** – John made the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the Health Order issue regarding a property in town. Under Title 1, Chapter 313 (a)(1)(F) confidential attorney-client communications made for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the body. Rae seconded. All were in favor. Tom made the motion to leave Executive Session at 7:22. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

Tom **made the motion to give the town attorney authorization to file suit on the Health Order.** John seconded. All were in favor.

7:26 **Reports & Communications:** Sasha let the SB know that letters were sent out to the Fletcher Road residents to notify them of the bridge closure during the day in a couple of weeks.

Departments are getting budgets back, the road and fire department are still working on theirs. Tom would like to have time put aside at the next few meetings to get this worked on.

There was a road maintenance permit for Congdon Road for approval.

Hunger Valley Construction invoice for the town hall, needing approval.

MRGP Notice of Intent, to continue in keeping compliant.

The abandoned vehicle on Lynch Hill Road was brought up, it is still there. Sasha will follow up on it.

Callie mentioned bringing back the round tables for communications, she spoke with Dara Torre at Morefest.

The FD raised \$500 at Morefest, Stefan was thanked for all of his work.

Don and Rae met with Chris Hunt regarding the crosswalk and the At The Ready, for the feasibility sidewalk study.

John mentioned receiving a phone call from Travis Blodgett with some concerns about some construction happening on Congdon Road, he didn't believe that there was a road maintenance permit in place. It was indeed the same one that needed final approval by the SB. Stefan advised that the road crew checked the work that Gillespie's did and said that it was really well done.

John wanted to confirm that the GMP issue and Pony Farm Road parking situation have been attended to. Sasha advised that she spoke directly with someone above Jarod at GMP and he was going to do some follow up on the spraying concerns. Also, Sasha confirmed that the

sheriff's department stopped by the resident at the corner of Pony Farm Road and Route 100B and spoke to them about the dangers of parking where they have been.

John let the SB know that the Town Forest Management Committee walked the trail last week. Stefan had some questions regarding how much the road crew should be taking on as far as downed trees near the ECO classrooms. As long as the work logs are coded correctly, it can be invoiced to the school under the MOU.

Tom advised that Morefest went really well. The cake contest went well, most of the SB would decline being judges again, it was a bit much. Quick discussion was had on it, and Tom said that he knows the committee would love suggestions.

Tom **made the motion to approve the SB minutes of 9/19/2022**. Rae seconded. All were in favor.

Tom mentioned needing to **amend the SB minutes of the July 25** meeting to show wording in regards to ARPA Funds. To reflect: *Tom so moved to accept the calculations as presented using \$35,415.16 of ARPA Funds due to loss of revenue in 2021*. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

7:51 **Old Business**: Don said that Hunger Valley Construction that has done work at the town hall, has taken a look at the condensation issue at the town garage. It's recommended that two industrial fans be installed, and the price for that is in the range of \$40,000. Don is going to contact Efficiency Vermont to see if there are any rebates for such purchases.

Don and Cory met with Cherilyn in regards to the town hall management. The only item left for discussion is the cleaning fees.

John asked the status of the information on LT 17. Sasha called Vt Survey and they are going to be sure that the trail is marked. There was discussion on trimming trees by the road crew and it was agreed that there was no discussion on bringing in materials.

Further discussion was had on perhaps starting a fund like the bridge and culvert fund to continually add to it for situations where a survey is needed. In light of finding out that a Legal Trail survey could run upwards of \$30,000.

8:08 **New Business**: there was none

Warrants signed and approved

Accounts Payable 22038 check 23370

Account Payable 22040 checks 23371 – 23409

Payroll 22039 e-checks 4065 – 4075

Adjourn: Tom made the motion to adjourn at 8:12 PM. Callie seconded. All were in favor.