
**Moretown Select Board Meeting
January 3, 2023 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 via ZOOM, Rae Washburn, Don Wexler, not present Callie Streeter

Guests Present: MRVTV, John Malter, Cherilyn Brown, Clayton Wetzell, Sasha Elwell

Meeting called to order by Tom at 6:00 PM

6:05 **MRRMA** – John Malter was present to give the SB an update on the Alliance. They were able to hold two household hazardous waste collections in 2022. 12.22 tons of hazardous household waste was collected, less going into the landfill and down sink drains. The dates for 2023 collection will be May 13 and October 14. Green-up day will be May 6, 2023. The 2022 Green-up day successfully collected 10.26 tons of tires. Consisting of a total count of 236 tires and 100 of them came from Moretown. They sold 29 compost bins and John held two workshops on composting. MRRMA is able to keep the price per capita the same this year, but anticipates that this will go up in 2024. Tom thanked John for what he does and for keeping the price the same for this year. Tom **made the motion to reappoint** Jonathan Siegel to the MRRMA. Rae seconded. All were in favor.

6:40 **Budget** – Cherilyn was present to go over more of the budget. Discussion was had on putting more money in the SB decenary fund for a possible clerk of the works position for the upcoming projects. More money was put into the budget line for the grant manager work pay, it has not been increased in three years. A guardrail fund was quickly discussed and Martin will be contacted regarding an amount. Cherilyn is still waiting to hear back from the Washington County Clerk regarding the annual tax amount and the Montpelier Ambulance. The hope is to wrap up the budget at the January 17th SB meeting.

Cherilyn asked for permission to move the recreation expenses of \$1,230.48 to the general fund, since there was no money put into the budget last year for the recreation expenses. This was due to the deadlines last year and miscommunications. Tom granted permission.

Tom tossed out a thought on moving the sand pile, looking for input on it, something to think about. Using ARPA funds and having something to “show” for it in making a decision on where to use the funds. Rae had a thought of if the wastewater project happens, the sand pile could possibly be moved to that area since a land purchase would be involved with it.

Morefest was spoken about briefly, the fireworks display is going up this year. Perhaps discussion on this can be talked about at town meeting.

7:30 **Old Business** – Cherilyn let the SB know that the North Moretown sidewalk feasibility study will cost \$49,930 and the grant that was awarded was for \$40,000. The town will need to pay the difference. This will be discussed further at the January 17th SB meeting.

Brief discussion was had on the audit and if it includes all departments. It does, with the exception of the fire department since they are their own entity. The fire department hasn't been asked for their books and there is a resident in town that has volunteered to give a hand with it, just to have another set of eyes on them. Cherilyn will double check with this volunteer to be sure that they are able to assist. Sasha will then ask Stefan about their books being looked at.

Quick discussion was had on the organization requests for ARPA Funds. It was agreed that they need to gather up petitions to get on the town meeting ballot.

Cherilyn reminded the SB that the articles to go on the town meeting ballot need to be discussed and decided on at the next SB meeting to meet the deadlines.

Don confirmed that the town hall presentation will be at the next meeting starting at 6:20 PM.

Rae spoke about the wastewater meeting earlier in the day. They are looking at locations, money and the impacts of it.

A Public Forum that Callie had brought up previously was quickly discussed and it was suggested for her to take the reigns on the event and organize it.

Discussion was had on ZOOM, and to encourage less of it. It works well for anyone cramped for time or isn't feeling well and doesn't want to expose others. Everyone agreed that it is much easier in person.

7:45 **Reports & Communications:** Sasha let the SB know that Lenny's has been set up for the road crew and getting their uniforms through them. The SB approved moving forward with it.

Sasha spoke with CVRPC regarding the speed tape monitoring that Bret Meyers spoke about at the last meeting he attended. Moretown is now on the list for the monitoring in the spring. They just need to know how many roads are being asked to be done. Road names tossed out were Pony Farm Road, River Road, Jones Brook Road, Moretown Mountain Road, Common Road and Steven's Brook Road. Sasha will get that information back to CVRPC and see if all of those roads can be done.

Sasha reminded the SB that there were **Errors & Omissions** approved at the last meeting and were not signed. One of them needed more clarification and it was obtained.

M & L Timberlands LLC - Parcel ID 04-085.000 span # 408-127-10138 changed from \$1,114,600 to \$1,062,800 making a difference of -\$51,800.

M & L Timberlands LLC – Parcel ID 04-025.010 span # 408-127-10137 changed from \$0.00 to \$107,200 making a difference of +\$107,200.

Brian Kitchens – Parcel ID 06-081.000 span # 408-127-10638 had no change in numbers, it was just declared 33% business use and the parcel was just stuck in a que with the SOV website.

All corrections were approved and signed.

Desorcie Emergency sales contract was approved and signed for the tanker truck. Sasha will get it back to Garth Brooks as soon as possible.

The NEMRC assessor contract was approved and signed.

John **made the motion to approve the SB minutes** of 12/19/2022 and 12/29/2022. Rae seconded. All were in favor.

Warrants signed and approved:

Accounts Payable 22056 checks 23646 – 23629

Payroll 23001 e-checks 4147 – 4156

Payroll 23002 e-checks 4157 – 4160

Adjourn: Tom **made the motion to adjourn** at 8:10 PM. Rae seconded. All were in favor.