
Moretown Select Board Meeting
March 20, 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, Callie Streeter, Don Wexler, Robin Campbell

Guests Present: MRVTV, Denise McCarty, Karen Sauther, Bridget Harty, Deborah Feldman, Stefan Pratt, Cory Stephenson, Sasha Elwell

Meeting called to order by Tom at 6:00 PM

Public Comment: Deborah was present to get an update on the health order that has gone to court. Tom advised that it is in the Judge's hands now, it's at the SOV level.

Bridget was present to ask the SB to appoint her to the library trustee vacant position for one year. Tom made the motion to appoint Bridget Harty to the library trustee one year spot. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

6:10 Road Department Equipment – Martin was present to go over bids that the town received for a new dump truck. This will be replacing the 2015 Mack that the town has presently.

Cab and chassis bids:

International - \$160,976 with \$50,000 trade in

Western Star - \$166,242 with \$53,000 trade in

Mack - \$155,715 trade in TBD

Dump body and plow set up:

Viking - \$96,870

Tenco - \$106,000

The Mack is the exact same truck that the town has now, the International and Western Star have bigger motors. The Viking set up is what the town has used for the last three trucks and it has held up really well. Martin will go through the bids in more detail before the next SB meeting and come back with his recommendation.

He advised that Shawn's truck (the 2018) went back into the shop, it's using an extreme amount of anti-freeze and Martin hopes that it's the EGR cooler. The anti-freeze isn't in the oil, which is a good indicator that it isn't a head gasket. Last month the starter had to be replaced.

He did bring in some good news, the graders four-wheel drive has not been acting up. He has reached out for a quote on the circle frame repair and the town is looking at a minimum of \$35-40,000 to fix it. This repair is something that needs to be done before summer is here, it is something that is hugely used. And it is looking like the loader needs to be re-pinned and that repair is at least \$10,000.

6:50 Zoning Updates – Karen was present to give the SB an update on things that she has been doing. She advised that zoning applications are up, there is a DRB hearing on Thursday, and she has been getting a lot of inquiries on whether or not a permit is needed for some things. She has found that there has been some applications that have slipped through the cracks, regarding steep slopes and she is working on re-vamping the permit application. She brought up that Moretown doesn't currently require a Certificate of Occupancy and would like to encourage the SB to consider it. She will get with the Planning Commission on that. She asked the SB about purchasing some PDF editing software and Butternut will be asked about that.

She asked the SB for approval to work on CRS, which is a rating system and with the help of the town clerk, once this is done – a discount on flood insurance would be in place (discount of 5 – 45%) The SB agreed for Karen to go ahead and pursue this.

She had an update for the SB on an existing zoning issue in town and asked that it be considered attorney / client sensitive. John **made the motion to go into Executive Session** at 7:05 PM per 1 VSA Section 313(a)(F), attorney-client communications. Tom seconded. All were in favor.

John **made the motion to come out of Executive Session** at 7:17 PM. Tom seconded. All were in favor. No action was taken.

7:20 Town Hall / Library Cleaning Position: Cory was present to speak with the SB regarding the open position. She had obtained a copy of the job description and thinks that it is in need of updating. Tom asked that she work on that and send it to Sasha for the SB. In the meantime, Cory wondered if the cleaning company that cleans the town office could be contacted to possibly do the town hall. Sasha will contact Mary Murphy about it. Thoughts were that it could just be a good fit for the town to have it cleaned by the existing company that does the town office.

7:30 Reports & Communications: John let everyone know that the town was approved for the additional funding for the stormwater project. The town will cover the clerk of the works, possibly \$15,000.

John **made the motion to approve the SB minutes** of 3/06/2023 & 3/13/2023. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

Documents approved and signed: MRGP annual permit and the MOU with Capital Fire Mutual.

Adjourn: Tom made the motion to adjourn at 7:55 PM. Callie seconded. All were in favor.