
**Moretown Select Board Meeting
April 17, 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: John Hoogenboom, Callie Streeter, Don Wexler, Robin Campbell, not present Tom Martin

Guests Present: MRVTV, Stefan Pratt, Cory Stephenson, Sasha Elwell

Meeting called to order by John at 6:02 PM

Public Comment: there was none

6:02 **ACO Discussion** – Stefan was present to discuss what he has worked with VLCT and Ron Shems Law Firm on updating the animal control ordinance. He said that an updated ordinance will allow for collecting penalties for repeat offenders on a higher level. There was discussion and changes to some of the wording and the SB would like the changes done and the document cleaned up so that it is easier to understand. I will then be discussed further.

6:30 **Town Hall Project** – Don spoke for the town hall committee, wanting the SB to give the okay to move forward and continue going with VIA and the next stage of the town hall revitalization. He advised that \$90K from the ARPA funds was designated for the lift at the town hall. Cory advised that with the grant opportunities, they need to move forward in the process. Don **made the motion to authorize VIA to proceed to the next phase with the ARPA funds designated for the lift of \$35,000**. Robin seconded. All were in favor.

Cory brought up the cleaning at the town hall. Mary Murphy was able to do a cleaning and after speaking with her further, said that Mary is able to do a once a month cleaning. Cory asked that if the SB would like her to take it on, she would like approval from the SB to add more hours to her schedule.

7:00 **Personnel Policy** – after a bit of discussion the wording in the third paragraph on page 10 was corrected, as all agreed to:

A non-exempt employee who is required to work on a holiday will be compensated at the rate of one and one-half times the employee's regular rate of pay, for the actual hours worked in addition to the regular holiday pay compensation.

Other discussion was had on the wording for the Jury Duty section on page 13 and the correction was agreed on, as follows:

The Town will compensate employees *at their regular rate of pay for the services as jurors* or witnesses. In accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 499, employees will otherwise be

considered in the service of the Town for purposes of determining seniority, benefits, credit towards vacations, sick leave, and other rights, privileges, and benefits of employment.

The corrections will be made and finalized at the next SB meeting.

Sasha spoke with Martin regarding the sand bid and he needs to get with the lowest bidder and see if they are able to haul with the changes that Varin's have made to their hours. Notice was received that they are only allowing six towns to continue hauling this year. Also, they have adjusted their operating hours to Monday through Thursday, noon – 4:00 PM, and they are planning a shutdown in June to the beginning week in July, (almost a month). With these changes, there would only be time to haul two loads of sand a day. No motion can be made on the sand bid.

7:30 Reports & Communications: Hannah Flynn sent an email of interest in, for becoming the **Deputy Health Officer**. Robin **made the motion to appoint her to the position**. John seconded. All were in favor.

Sasha spoke with CVRPC regarding the **speed tape study** and wanted confirmation on what six roads the SB would like it done on, they are just a few weeks away from starting. After quick discussion it was decided on: South Hill Road, Moretown Common Road, River Road, Pony Farm Road, and Stevens Brook Road.

John brought up an email that the SB received regarding pot holes at Gallagher Acres. It was agreed that it would be discussed further with a whole board.

John was contacted by Peter Renaldi, a resident at The Commons with a complaint on a neighboring property and having a "junk yard" and concerns with safety. There was quick discussion on it, and all agreed that there should be no ordinance put in place.

Old Business: Don let the SB know that the feasibility study on Route 2 & Route 100 sidewalk has started. He also met with Chris Hunt regarding the crosswalk in town, it was decided to go ahead and move forward with the 1111 permit for it.

The speed limit trailer was spoken about briefly and Sasha will reach out to Bret Meyers with the Sheriff's Department to be sure that it can be placed on Route 2 and Route 100B.

New Business: there was none

John **made the motion to approve** the 4/03/2023 SB minutes. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

Warrants and documents approved:

Deputy Health Officer Form for Hannah Flynn

LEMP (Local Emergency Management Plan – annual)

Payroll 23018 e – checks 4238 – 4247

Accounts Payable 23019 checks 23844 – 23876

Adjourn: John made the motion to adjourn at 8:15 PM. Callie seconded. All were in favor.