
Moretown Select Board Meeting
July 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: Tom Martin, Don Wexler, Robin Campbell, via Zoom Callie Streeter, not present John Hoogenboom

Guests: ORCA, Martin Cameron, Jordan von Trapp, Rae Washburn, Erika Fraser – VR, Stefan Pratt, Sasha Elwell

Meeting called to order by Tom at 6:02 PM

Public Comment: Jordan was present to just touch base with the SB and said that she is just waiting on the E911 address. Stefan asked the SB if they would approve Treehouse Lane. Tom so moved. Don seconded. All were in favor.

Denise was present to ask the SB about trash removal for residents that were affected by the flooding and rain that came. She complimented the road crew and what they have done. Tom agreed to a dumpster and perhaps having the road crew help with the loader at some point. Martin suggested loading a dump truck possibly, it may be easier.

6:15 Stormwater Project Update – Rae was present to give the SB an update on the project. There have been a few issues and they have been worked out. He advised the crew has been doing a great job. They lost some time last week due to the rain. After they are done in front of the school, they will be starting on the parking lot drainage next week and then the pond will be done last.

Rae mentioned water bubbling by the sidewalk next to the town office sign on Route 100B. He offered to have Poulin check it out, it could possibly be undermining the sidewalk. Stefan said that it has been doing it for awhile and Sasha let them know that Cherilyn had mentioned there is a spring somewhere in that vicinity. Martin said that the Poulin crew stopped by the garage to offer assistance the day after the flood occurred.

6:20 Road Department Update on Flood Damage – Martin was present to update the SB. He wanted to thank the road crew for the excellent job they have been doing. Ward Brook ditching had been planned for the week of the flood so the excavator was already delivered up the brook the previous week. Wednesday was the first day that he could get eyes on the situation. McGibbons Road has a small issue and Martin plans on getting to that this week. The road crew has been filling the crevasses and documenting along with taking pictures. They have been getting the roads passable and then will need to go back to them. Things are getting in shape for a top coat but wants FEMA to have eyes on it before that happens. Lover's Lane – there is a land owner that is agreeable to blasting to fix the road, which would involve an easement. Fixing the damage on this road could be upwards of six figures. There were thoughts tossed around on fixing the bridge due to the high price tag, it may be a doable thing. It could

be possible to put a temporary bridge over the existing bridge on Lover's Lane to get through the winter. Martin is very appreciative to the residents that have been affected by the flood, they have been very patient and understanding.

Martin meets with Jarod Borg on Thursday, he will be the first one that he is meeting with.

6:40 Stefan was present to speak with the SB about his emergency management role in the town. There was nothing put into the budget for compensation. There was brief discussion about this, since he put 31 hours into that role, on top of his job with the road crew. Tom wanted to be sure that he was treated fairly, but did point out that the emergency management position is a volunteer spot. It was agreed that Stefan would be compensated for mileage along with his ten hours for each day on Monday and Tuesday, so that he would receive his overtime. Tom is in hopes that putting this through FEMA, the town will be reimbursed for it. Don suggested an article for a reserve fund for the emergency management every year, like the other funds that are added to such as the maintenance reserve and bridge & culvert funds.

6:50 **Reports & Communications:** Robin **made the motion** to appoint Neal Mostov to the Recreation Committee. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

Jolley sent the town money for Morefest, as they have the past few years.

Sasha let the SB know that the SCBA invoice was received and wanted to know their thoughts on the financing part of it. After quick discussion, it was agreed to take it out of the Capital Reserve.

Cherilyn left reports for the SB, emailed them to the two member that were not going to be physically present.

Sasha had a complaint from Ellie Ferris about the parking behind the sand pile for the swimming hole. She has been having issues with people allowing their dogs to make a mess on her lawn. The SB will brainstorm on some ideas to fix this, signs were one thought.

Don brought up the previously discussed idea of having the DRB/PC/SB meet and brainstorm on legal trails, class IV roads and ideas for getting more interest in public servants. Maybe something can be organized in the fall.

Callie said that the road crew really appreciated getting lunch delivered to them by Tom last Thursday. Last week the road crew worked 14-16 hour-days without a lunch.

Callie **made the motion** to approve the SB minutes of 7/10/2023. Robin seconded. All were in favor.

7:08 **Old Business:** Don brought up the space between speed limit signs on Route 100B, as a subject that they are talking about at the Road Safety Committee meetings.

7:09 **New Business:** there was none

Warrants signed and approved: Account Payable 23032 check # 24013 – 24071; Payroll 23031 e-checks 4309 – 4319; Bliss Ridge liquor licenses were approved. The grant agreement was signed for the repaving of the Village hill.

Adjourn: Tom made the motion to adjourn at 7:14 PM. Calle seconded. All were in favor.