
Moretown Select Board Meeting
August 21, 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: ORCA, MRVTV, Rae Washburn, Joyce Manchester, Christian Meyer, Frank & Cindy Barr, Bobby Halpin, Marilyn Cameron, Denise Gabaree, Mary Murphy, Cory Stephenson, Jennifer Hill, Ellie Hilferty, Sasha Elwell

Meeting called to order by Tom at 6:00 PM

Public Comment: Frank & Cindy were present to voice frustration they are having with a permit they are trying to obtain. Tom advised that he will look into what is going on and get back to them.

6:08 **CVRPC** – Christian Meyer was present to introduce himself and gave the SB a rundown on the services that they provide and offer to municipalities. Tom let him know that the town has an immediate need, the ZA has given her notice. Christian spoke about shared positions with another town and the SB is interested in that.

6:15 **Library Trustees** – Jennifer & Cory were present to go over the strategic plan with the SB. Jennifer emailed it before the meeting so that everyone would have a chance to look at it. The last time a plan was worked on, Cory's best guess was maybe 2010 or 2012. This revises the mission, highlights goals and focus. If the SB has any questions they will reach out to Jennifer or Cory. Cory will be attending a Friends of the Library meeting soon and will have them reach out to attend a future SB meeting.

6:30 **Historical Society** – Denise was present to ask the SB for consideration in using the downstairs of the old library building for displaying their collection and perhaps being open a couple of mornings a week to the public. The heat and electricity would be roughly \$100 per month. The library trustees have it on their next agenda and will discuss it. The SB is in hopes that they will be agreeable to this since they are now housed at the town hall. The SB would like to see this happen.

6:35 **Road Access for ATV/UTV's** – Bobby was present to speak with the SB regarding opening up a few dirt roads to off road vehicles. All vehicles would have to follow the SOV rules and pay a fee to the town. This would be for Class III & IV roads. There would need to be a curfew put on the pass that the town issues, only riding while the sun is up and not during the winter months. Start with a few roads being accessed and then VASA would come in eventually. There would need to be 25 MPH speed signs for ATV/UTV's as well. Some towns that have opened up their roads have done it either by vote or just a trial basis and then revisited it. The SB would like to move forward with this on a temporary basis, Callie is going to do the

research, dig into it with other towns and have the information ready for town meeting. Tom asked that she find out all of the good and bad that comes with this and if it would even be feasible. Bobby added that the places that he has been, the ATV community "self-police" – they approach those that are not following the rules.

7:04 **Reports & Communications:** Tom opened the RFP's for overseeing the FEMA projects. The town received three bids:

- Stantec – different positions range from \$142 – 225 per hour
- Dubois & King – different positions range from \$85 – 225 per hour
- On Point - \$70 per hour plus mileage

After discussion, Tom **made the motion** to accept the RFP from On Point for assisting with FEMA. John seconded. All were in favor.

While Rae was at the meeting Tom asked for an update on the Stormwater Project. He advised that the piping is all laid in the parking lot and all that is left is the wetland area. Ron Shems is rewriting the two easements for the Church and the Brown/Auclair properties. John let the SB know that Nick with Ron's office is working on it. Tom let the SB know that he told Howland Brown that the town will replace (flowers/bushes) that are taken out with this project.

Cherilyn had Sasha pass along the delinquent dog list to the SB, Tom asked that Sasha send it off to Stefan.

Sasha reminded Tom about Free Wheelin and the \$4,000 for the Waterbury Ambulance and he will look at the budget before the next meeting.

Quick discussion was had on the Moretown Mountain tree that needs to be taken down on the Martin property. The Tree Hugger that was chosen for taking it down is unable to do it now. Sasha will reach out to the next cheapest quote, Snapping Turtle to see if they could come down in the price, since the request is to only take the tree down and not to clean it up.

Security at the town office was discussed briefly, the request was to find another quote. The other company that responded was wiped out by the flood and unable to do a quote for the town at this time. Cherilyn's concern is losing the grant money.

Discussion was had on the camping at the picnic area on Route 2. There was an email received complaining about it. It started with just a couple of tents but in the past few weeks there were five more tents added and they have knocked on local resident doors asking for wi-fi information. Tom reached out to Dara Torre regarding this and has not heard back, he will call her again. Callie may have a contact through the SOV to get further results, she will send that to Sasha.

Robin **made the motion** to accept the rewording on the ACO. John seconded. All were in favor.

Robin let the SB know that he has a big condensation unit that he got at an auction, it has three fans on it. He will get the dimensions on it and let everyone know how big it is, it may be something that could be utilized at the town garage for the condensation issue.

John met with Ken Robie with Dubois & King, he's working on the crosswalk and the easements are going well, there has been no opposition.

John spoke with Gerry Maynard and the two culverts that the SOV replaced on Route 100B were not fixed as far as the bumps go. Gerry told John that he called the Governor's hotline.

When John spoke with Gerry, he said that he has been watching the SB meetings on MRVTV and the sound is not the greatest. The audio is pretty poor on it and perhaps reaching out to Butternut would be a good thing, see if they have had any other issues and solutions for meetings. Don is going to reach out to someone that helped start up the Owl that the town uses for meetings as well, see if they may have a suggestion.

John pointed out that on page 2 of the SB minutes from 08/07/2023 there was motion information missing, Tom made the motion for Cory's recommendation, but John seconding was missed and all were in favor. On page 3 there was a spelling error, should have been topographical not typographical. John **made the motion** to approve the SB minutes 08/07/2023 as amended. Robin seconded. All were in favor.

There was quick discussion on the on-going parking issue on Pony Farm Road. There was a thought to perhaps paint a line where the road is, to show just how far into the road the vehicle is being parked. Don plans on stopping by and speaking with the residents to see what can be figured out.

Warrants and documents signed:

Errors & Omissions: Rivers Development LLC, 408-127-10650 went from \$403,100 to \$140,400 with a difference of \$-262,000 – the dwelling was placed on the wrong parcel.

Richard & Debra Rivers, 408-127-11086 went from \$71,900 to \$305,900 with a difference of 234,000 – dwelling should be on this parcel.

Warrants – accounts payable 23035 check 24107

Accounts payable 23036 checks 24108 – 24151

Payroll 23037 e – checks 4333 – 4342

Adjourn: Tom **made the motion** to adjourn at 8:03 PM. Callie seconded. All were in favor.