
**Moretown Select Board Meeting
October 2, 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, Don Wexler, Callie Streeter and Robin Campbell

Guests: MRVTV, ORCA, Cherilyn Brown, David Stapleton, Angelo Napolitano, Peter Rinaldi, Rae Washburn, Christian Meyer – CVRPC, Bob & Beverly McMullin, Sasha Elwell

Meeting called to order by Tom at 6:00 PM

Public Comment: there was none

6:01 **Employee Health Insurance** – Cherilyn was present to go over renewing the employee health insurance, BCBS recommended staying with the plan that the town has currently. The rebate that the town will be getting on this year's plan will be \$9,868. John **made the motion** to renew the employee health insurance. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

6:03 **Stormwater Project & FEMA Update** – Rae said that the dry weather has helped with the stormwater project, things are starting to wrap up. The last section by Howland's should be started this week. The lilac bush on the left side of the town driveway will need to be moved, John thought that would be okay.

FEMA – the road crew has done most of the work that needs to be done, except the resurfacing and the culverts have been tended to. Lover's Lane needs mitigation and a temporary guard rail will be installed by Lafayette making it a one lane road before winter. The plowing will be done by the Dodge Ram, there will be no big truck used on it. The October 24th deadline with FEMA is for identifying the work that needs to be done. John mentioned that Rae has been doing a really good job with keeping everyone in check.

6:15 **ZA Discussion** – Karen recently resigned from the ZA position. Tom asked Christian if there is someone at CVRPC that could fill this position. He advised that the only one that could was Clare Rock and she is leaving CVRPC. Discussion was had on Duxbury also in need of someone and there is a possibility that the two towns could make a full-time position for zoning, (sharing part-time hours in both towns).

David brought up perhaps expanding the ZA responsibilities and Tom asked that the PC update the job description and forward it to the SB.

David presented the application for the FY24 Municipal Resolution for Municipal Planning Grant to the SB so that the town plan that is expiring can be updated. John will be the Municipal Authorizing Official; Tom the Alternate and Cherilyn the Grant Administrator. With this in place it increases chances for future grants. The revised town plan is currently being worked on. CVRPC will write the proposal (Eli), the grant for consulting is \$20,000 with a 10% match,

\$1,000 for the PC over two years. CVRPC does not have the capacity to do this, the PC will need to find a consultant on their own. The form for the MRMPG will be given to Cheryl to work on and send out. John **made the motion** to go ahead and sign the Municipal Resolution for Municipal Planning Grant. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

David advised that there is VHIP (Vt Housing Incentive Program) grants to home owners up to \$50,000. He will be sending information out on FPF.

Tom advised that between himself, David, Robin and Sasha the ZA email will be monitored.

6:39 **Reports & Communications:** an email was sent to the SB requesting an appointment to be the alternate to CV Fiber. Sam Rosenberg is resigning and his mother, Sybil Schlesinger would like to take that place. Tom **so moved**. John seconded. All were in favor.

Don **amended the original motion** from September 5th SB minutes regarding the MERP grant to include it stating that Gilson Survey will be doing the work. John seconded. All were in favor.

The question about adding Indigenous Peoples Day (October 9th this year) to the list of holiday for town employees was brought up. After brief discussion it was decided that research on it will be done and discussed in March.

The Waterbury Ambulance invoice was brought up, it needs to be paid. This invoice is for the Moretown portion of their new facility. Sasha needs to know where the SB would like it to come from in the budget. Tom advised to take it from the SB "discretionary" fund. As well as Free Wheelin'. There was discussion on how much to send them. John **made the motion** to donate to Free Wheelin' \$2,500. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

6:50 **The Commons Unit 25 Discussion** – The McMullins were present to tell the SB about what has been happening with their unit at The Commons. After discussion was had, it was agreed that The Commons HOA would be flexible with allowing the McMullin's contractors into the crawl space under their condo to do an assessment of what repairs need to be done. The McMullins are trying to fix repairs in order to sell their unit. The McMullins will be then submitting a plan to the HOA of the repairs needing to be performed. Both sides were heard and in conclusion the McMullins are taking full responsibility for the repairs.

7:22 Continued **Reports & Communications:** Callie is still working on the ATV topic.

Don let the SB know that Michael Brown is working on a draft for the Forest Management. Then once that is done, there will be a public meeting regarding it, possibly at a regular SB meeting.

Don will get more information at the October 13th meeting for the scoping study to be brought to the November 6th SB meeting.

Quick discussion was had on the construction manager role for the town hall project. The budget will be looked at before the next meeting.

John asked about any conversation had with Martin regarding LT 17. Tom plans on getting with Martin by the end of the week.

John **made the motion** to approve the SB minutes of 09/18/2023. Don seconded. All were in favor, Callie abstained because she was not at the last meeting.

7:41 **Old Business:** there was none

7:42 **New Business:** Beverly asked the SB about the gazebo in town. She has noticed that it is in need of repairs. She would like to make a connection with the land owner and if there is no solution with that, she would like to do some fund raising for the repairs.

Warrant signed and approved:

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7:44 John **made the motion** to go into **Executive Session** Title 1 section 313, (a) (1) to discuss the Charles O. Davis funds request. Callie seconded. All were in favor. Sasha was invited to stay. Tom **made the motion** to leave **Executive Session** at 7:53. John seconded. All were in favor. It was decided to use the Charles O. Davis funds to help some needy residents.

Adjourn: Tom **made the motion** to adjourn at 7:54 PM. John seconded. All were in favor.

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