
**Moretown Select Board Meeting
November 6, 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, Robin Campbell

Guests: MRVTV, Stefan Pratt, Emily Lewis, Chris Hunt, Don Snider, Chris Day, Carla Francis, Misha Golfman, Tom & Martha Douglass, Steve & Amy Shafer, Sasha Elwell

Meeting called to order by Tom at 6:00 PM

Public Comment: Don was present to personally invite the SB and community to their open house on Nov 16 at 327 US Route 2 for Maker's Sphere opening. They are a new business in town and they wanted to share their appreciation of the DRB for allowing them to occupy what used to be Ray's Auto Body. It is now a woodworking shop.

6:05 **North Moretown Sidewalk Scoping Study Alternatives:** Emily and Chris were present to go over the two alternatives for pedestrians from Gallagher Acres to the Waterbury sidewalk. **1.)** 5-foot sidewalk adjacent to Route 2 with three crosswalks **2.)** build a shared path 5-foot off the road 8 – 10 feet wide constructed of asphalt, which would involve more easements. Of the two scenarios, the sidewalk is the cheaper option. Residents are just concerned with a safe path that would be separated from the traffic and they would like something in place sooner, rather than later.

6:25 **VT 100 Multi-Use Path:** Misha was present to speak with the SB on the progress that has been made since the last time he spoke with them. He advised that VTTrans District 6 is fully on board and in support of connecting the villages of Moretown, Waitsfield, and Warren. The hope is that this area would perhaps be an Int'l cycling destination. Also, providing a place for people to walk while their vehicles are charging. The scoping study for this project along Route 100/Route 100B will be \$60-70K, with town/municipal portions being \$4K. The Moretown portion of this would stretch from Hooper Lane to Route 100, consisting of 7 – 8 miles. The SB is in support of this project. John **made the motion** to go ahead with the \$4K for the VT 100 Multi-Use Path Scoping Study. Callie seconded. All were in favor. Misha will follow up with Sasha on getting a support letter from the SB.

6:40 **Fire Dept Budget:** Stefan was present to go over his budget with the SB. Discussion was had on the numbers that Stefan submitted to them for approval. Expenses went up due to needing to replace fire gear. Specifics won't be known on the dispatching until after the next Capital Fire meeting at the end of November. Quick discussion was had on the purchase of the new radios in 2023. There was an invoice that came in for over \$4K, the line item for radios is \$2,500. But due to there being \$6k budgeted for supplies and expenses the FD asked that it be coded to that line. The SB reminded the FD about the purchase policy. No more discussion would be had on it.

6:55 **VEM Hazard Mitigation Grants:** Amy, Steve, Martha and Tom were present to see what next steps to take regarding the buyouts from flooding. They have filled out and submitted their forms. Sasha/Cherilyn will reach out to the SOV to get more information on this so that the process can move forward. The SB is willing to assist in this for these families on Route 2 that were affected by the flood in July 2023 and with Tropical Storm Irene as well.

7:10 **Reports & Communications:** discussion was had on amending the motion for the PC grant, but it was decided that it would just be adjusted in the budget to \$1,500 over the next two years. Instead of being \$20K, the grant is actually \$30K.

John **made the motion** to amend the SB minutes from 10/16/2023 in the second paragraph on page three regarding the \$7,800 to come from the Capital Reserve Fund. Don seconded. All were in favor.

VLCT reached out to follow up on the items that need attention from the last inspection for the town hall and garage. Don had been working on them. He asked about the bracket for the fire extinguisher in the kitchen at the town hall and if there is any way that the company that inspects them can install it. Sasha will check in with the company that services them.

Cherilyn wanted the SB to be asked about the repairs on the grader and taking that money from the maintenance reserve. The last repair for the piston was \$4,300, they agreed that it should be taken from there.

Sasha wanted to be sure that everyone saw the email from Colin Nohl. The SB thought it was a nice email thanking them, but there is still a list that he would like addressed. Quick discussion was had on it, there was no decision as to more work being done.

Don brought up the Vt 250th Anniversary and John suggested that the Historical Society take it on. John asked that Robin reach out to them and once that is done, then the resolution can be signed and submitted to the SOV.

Sasha confirmed that the PC will be attending the next SB meeting to discuss legal trails and class IV roads.

Tom spoke with Randy at Allegiance last week and it looks like the motor for the 2018 has been shipped. Tom asked that the truck be ready for when the motor arrives and Randy assured him that it would be. Tom let everyone know that the Town of Berlin is allowing us to borrow one of their trucks while the 2018 is still out. He asked that Callie thank them on behalf of the SB.

7:40 **Old Business:** there was none

7:42 **New Business:** John mentioned that there is a Zoom call on the Stormwater project on Wednesday

7:47 John **made the motion** to go into Executive Session for employee evaluation, per Title 1, section 313(a)(3), Sasha was asked to stay. Don seconded. All were in favor.

8:06 Tom **made the motion** to exit Executive Session. Callie seconded. All were in favor. No actions were taken.

Warrants signed and approved:

23048 Payroll e – checks 4383 – 4391

23050 Payroll check 24342 and e – checks 4393 – 4402

23049 Accounts Payable checks 24306 -24341

23051 Accounts Payable checks 24343 – 24365

Adjourn: Tom **made the motion** to adjourn at 8:12 PM. Robin seconded. All were in favor.