
Moretown Select Board Meeting
April 1, 2024 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, Don Wexler, Robin Campbell, not present Tom Martin and Callie Streeter

Guests: MRVTV, Clark Amadon, Rae Washburn, Steve Robbins, Michael Brown, Chris Stephenson, John Schultz, Deb & Robert Sargent, Susan Marks, Linda Purdy, Eugene Grandfield, Sasha Elwell

Public Comment: Clark and Rae were present to give an update on the wastewater project. They were notified that the ARPA funds are at risk of being re-allocated. There is a letter being sent to the town for the attention of the Select Board and there needs to be a response sent back within thirty days. It is possible that funds will be re-allocated to projects that are further along than the wastewater project in Moretown. The hope is that there will be enough funds to cover land purchase, the design and the permits needed. The public forum will be held April 16th from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. Clark would be happy to speak with Tom since he was unable to make the SB meeting.

6:12 Town Forest Management Plan: the forest plan needs to be updated every ten years. Michael Brown, who has been working on this plan with the committee spoke briefly about it and advised that there were no drastic changes implemented. This plan is a draft plan and there is more work that needs to be done as far as figuring out some specifics for VLT. Harvesting wouldn't begin until probably 2026. There was discussion had on a possible space for parking on South Hill Road where the harvesting will be exiting. There were concerns about it, but this is only an idea for the ten-year plan, it isn't set in stone. Steve said that the last time it was harvested in the 1990's Craig Elwell re-ditched that landing area so that it would discourage parking. He also said there is an area of thirty acres that are not considered Deeryard and those acres should be kept on the radar for future surveying, to be sure that the area is identified.

6:50 continued public comment: Linda (located at 456 South Hill Road, across from the cemetery) had pictures of a tree that came down from the town forest in the March 10th storm. It fell across their driveway and they had their plow person move it off. But it is still laying in their yard. They asked that they either get reimbursed for the removal or the town road crew do the clean-up. The SB agreed that it shouldn't be a problem for the road crew to remove it, it doesn't even have to be taken away, it could go right back to the town forest.

6:55 Reports & Communications: Mad River Valley Senior Center sent a follow up email asking again about the additional funds from last year's town meeting. It was voted on the floor in 2023 to give an additional \$1,000 to them, but when they sent the invoice to be paid, as everyone needs to for the allocated funds, it was only for the original amount on the ballot for

2023. So that was the amount sent to them. On March 7th, Bill Zekas sent the SB an email asking for those additional funds. It was tabled at that following meeting, so members could think it over. After quick discussion John **made the motion** to approve the additional funds for the MRV Senior Center from 2023. Robin seconded. All were in favor.

Dick Valentinetti sent the SB a letter requesting health officer pay from 2023 and 2024. The SB approved it to be paid for both years.

A quote from Joe Gabaree came for installing the projector screen. Alex will be asked for a quote as well.

Robin spoke with the Historical Society and they agreed to the resolution and they will be working on the wording for it with Robin.

Don brought up the email from the Hazard Buyouts and making sure that everyone reads it over before the next meeting.

Don also brought up the merit raises for employees and wants to get back to it when Tom is back for the next meeting.

Don and John had a meeting with Joyce, CVRPC and AOT earlier in the day to go over the letter that was sent to AOT regarding the traffic calming. CVRPC will be doing speed surveys on the Route 2 section in May/June and later in the summer on Route 100B, they will even be surveying the bicycle traffic. The committee will be meeting again soon, but it's not scheduled yet.

7:08 **Sand Bids** – four bids for hauling the winter sand came in:

Barrett Trucking - \$8.50 per ton

Stone Trucking - \$9.25 per ton

Nick Pizzale - \$10 per ton

Shane Elwell - \$11 per ton

No motion was made it will be discussed at the next meeting.

7:12 John **made the motion** to approve the SB minutes of 03/11/2024. Robin seconded. All were in favor. John **made the motion** to approve the SB minutes of 03/18/2024. Robin seconded. All were in favor.

7:14 **Old Business**: there was none

7:14 **New Business**: there was none

Warrants signed and approved: Payroll 24016 e – checks 4509 – 4518, Accounts Payable 24017 checks 24708 – 24729 and ACH payment A4012024

Adjourn: John **made the motion** to adjourn at 7:22 pm. Robin seconded. All were in favor.