
**Moretown Select Board Meeting
Monday September 16, 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: Tom Martin via ZOOM, Don Wexler, Callie Streeter, Robin Campbell, not present John Hoogenboom

Guests: ORCA, Joanne Gray, Rae Washburn, Steve Gilman, Sasha Elwell

Meeting was called to order by Tom at 6:00 PM

Public Comment: Joanne was present to get an update on what is going on with the culverts on Ward Brook Road. Rae let her know that one box culvert is scheduled to be done the third week in October and the second one, a month later. He plans on firming up dates with Camp Precast to be sure that they will be ready. Joanne wanted to confirm that the work would be done before snowfall. There were other issues on Ward Brook Road that she wanted to bring to the SB as well. The culvert in front of Bryce's is crooked and the last three floods it has clogged up. She also said that the people that live at the old Hawk's place have been digging in the ditch and put up a bridge that wasn't permitted. Also questioned why there were two four-foot culverts put in, instead of one eight-foot culvert. Rae explained that it was because of the supplies. If the box culverts can't be done by snowfall, an eight-footer will be installed. She is frustrated, because Casella Construction was doing an awesome job. Joanne also received a temporary easement for the work to be done, but there were no pictures that came with it. Rae agreed to bring the plans to her and go over it with her.

Steve was present to ask what the next steps are for Lover's Lane. He lives at the very end of the road and has concerns about the timeline of construction, he is nervous that it is nowhere near ready for a snow plow. Rae will be meeting with Martin Cameron Thursday to see what can be done by the road crew before snowfall and what needs to be done by contractors. It will be going out for bid by next week, the plan is for the road to be fixed by the end of fall. The guardrail will probably be staying the way it is, for now though. Rae thanked Steve for being patient throughout this.

Tom asked that Rae put something out on FPF to update people on what is going on with the various projects from the flood. There was quick discussion on Leo Corbeil's invoice that was sent in to be paid, he did some work on Herring Brook Road so that he could get out, when the flooding happened. Rae spoke with him regarding the work and Leo is sending Rae some pictures. He will get back with him, in the meantime, Rae approved \$950 of the invoice he submitted to the town for reimbursement.

6:20 **Wastewater** – Rae sat in for Clark. The committee drafted up a letter to the SOV to give the grant back. There are funds that still need to come to the town before the letter is sent out. Tom **made the motion** to send the letter of rescinding the grant funds for the wastewater

project back to the SOV, pending the town receiving the reimbursement that is still owed. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

6:30 **Open Meeting Law Discussion** – Quick discussion was had on hybrid meetings being required now, which has been the procedure for quite some time now and emergencies can be done entirely remote. The meeting recordings can be found on the MRVTV or ORCA websites, that has not changed. The SB will request that the chair of all committees come to a meeting to discuss this.

6:45 **Reports & Communications:** Shawn Graves handed in his letter of resignation, he is moving onto a job with the SOV. It wasn't about the money, he is just moving onto something different. Shawn will be missed and always welcome back. Tom thanked him for his eight years of service to the town.

Joe Gabaree sent in a letter of interest to be an alternate on the DRB. Tom **so moved**. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

Karen Horn sent in a letter asking to be appointed to be the town representative to the VLCT annual meeting. Tom **made the motion** to appoint Karen Horn to be that person. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

It was brought up to add Columbus Day to the employee holidays list. Last year Indigenous Day was discussed, but it's not officially a federal holiday. This will be thought about and discussed again later.

Errors & Omissions:

Comcast, 408-127-10553 change from 271,240 to 150,124, difference of 112,116. Used the wrong value when inputting 2024 value.

Mathew Williams & Nina Otter, 408-127-10956 change from 593,000 to 592,800 difference of 200. Added .26 ac when it should have been .01 ac from BLA.

Northfield Electric, 408-127-10938 changed from 54,000 to 87,000, difference of 33,000. Used wrong value.

Vermont Transco, 408-127-10779 change from 7,261,300 to 10,356,000, difference of 3,094,700. Used wrong value.

Living Tree LLC, 408-127-10873 change from 195,400 to 174,100, difference of 21,300. Incorrectly marked as contiguous.

Living Tree LLC, 408-127-10878 change from zero to 101,500, difference of 101,500. Incorrectly marked as contiguous, new lot.

Living Tree LLC, change from zero to 155,800, difference of 155,800. Incorrectly marked as contiguous, new lot.

Robin **made the motion** to accept the Errors & Omissions as stated. Tom seconded. All were in favor.

Callie **made the motion** to approve the SB minutes of 8/19/2024. Robin seconded. All were in favor.

7:05 **Old Business** – quick discussion was had on a cleaner for the TG office and bathroom. Nicole will be asked if she is interested in doing it.

Don brought up the MERP grant, it has come back around and Cory has been working with Sam Lash on it. The energy assessments have been done, just haven't seen them yet. Don will be working with Cherilyn on this grant.

Don sent an email late in the afternoon for Sasha to forward to the rest of the SB from a resident in Gallagher Acres. It will be discussed at the next meeting so everyone can read it. It's regarding safety and speeding.

The Class IV & LT committee discussion will be done at the next meeting, Sasha will re-email their notes off to the SB members for a refresher.

7:15 **New Business** – there was none

Warrants signed and approved: **24043** accounts payable check 25535; **24044** payroll e – checks 4629 – 4638; **24045** accounts payable checks 25594 – 25650; **24047** payroll e – checks 4639 – 4647; **24048** accounts payable checks 25656 – 25694; **24046** accounts payable checks 25652 – 25655

Adjourn: Robin **made the motion** to adjourn at 7:18 pm. Callie seconded. All were in favor.