
Moretown Select Board Meeting
Monday October 21, 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, Don Wexler, Callie Streeter, Robin Campbell via ZOOM

Guests: ORCA, Craig Eilers, Stefan Pratt, Brian Kitchens, Erin Hunt, Sasha Elwell

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Tom

Public Comment: Brian was present to show interest in the now vacant seat on the SB, due to the passing of John Hoogenboom. Tom was thinking that something would be put out on FPF next week, asking the community for interested parties to step forward and send a note of interest to the SB.

6:04 **Employee Insurance** – Craig was present to answer any more questions the SB had on the changes with insurance. The SB asked if Craig would get with employees to answer any questions they may have regarding the changes, if they were to happen, and he is fine with that. The plan is to make a decision by the next meeting, November 4th. If there ends up being a change to another platform, Craig will have a meeting with everyone for a Q&A.

6:30 **Library**, name change – Erin was present to speak with the SB about changing the name from Memorial to Community. The library trustees have done the foot work in making sure that the historical society is fine with the change and the Friends of the Moretown Library are going to hire an attorney to be sure there are no legal items that would hold this change back from happening. They are working on a logo so that the library can be added to the Chamber of Commerce as well. Tom **made the motion** to accept the change from the Moretown Memorial Library to the Moretown Community Library. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

6:33 **FD Budget** – Stefan was present to go over numbers for the 2025 budget, he had just two line items that he adjusted for increases beyond his control, telephone and dispatching. He also asked the SB about an article again for two more sets of turn out gear for the Town Meeting vote in March. He brought two quotes for the SB to look at for the turn out gear that was voted on in 2024, Reynolds: \$9,698.92 and MES: \$9,114.84. The article was to spend no more \$10K and after discussion, the Reynold's equipment would match what the FD already has. Tom **made the motion** to approve the purchase of the turn out gear from Reynold's for \$9,698.92. Don seconded. All were in favor. Stefan said that the tanker is supposed to be done in October, early November. There was discussion on a community function to show it off, once it is delivered, maybe have hot dogs and try to recruit new volunteers. Tom reminded Stefan that Desorcie's has not returned the signed contract to the town and Stefan said that he would work on that.

Quick discussion on the trucks being at each end of the village with the lights going on Halloween was had, Stefan said that would not be a problem. And the Fire Department has a ton of candy to hand out this year too, they are very prepared!

6:48 **Class IV & Legal Trails Discussion** – Callie was the only one from the committee that attended the SB meeting. She went over everything that they worked on and since it had been a few months since they had met, there were a couple of things she wanted to confirm with the committee before the SB adopted the changes. The committee would like it put on the front page of the town website, that way there is no excuse for people not to be aware of it. This will be circled back around to, to officially adopt after Callie clarifies a few things with the committee to recommend to the Select Board. Tom apologized for the delay in getting back to them and thanked the members for all of their work on this.

7:04 Robin excused himself from the meeting

7:05 **Reports & Communications:** Bids came in for the slope repair on Old Route 100:

Waters - \$37,950

Hallstrom - \$46,050

JA McDonald - \$54,350

Don Weston - \$55,000

Blue Mtn Trucking - \$64,250

Avery - \$146,629

Don **made the motion** to accept Waters Excavation bid for \$37,950. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

Quick discussion was had on the transition of E911 duties from Stefan over to Carol. Tom confirmed that this has been done, Carol will be handling it from here on out.

Discussion was had on a sign for Farnham Road, GPS takes people that way and it really shouldn't be used end to end. Sasha will see about a sign for each end of the road saying something to the effect of GPS being wrong. Also, discussed, was more speed limit signs for the back roads, if there were more, the sheriff's department can give more tickets and it would be more beneficial to the town in paying them for their services. Sasha will look at the sign budget as well and see where things stand with that. Don would like some 30 MPH signs bought too, not just the 35 MPH.

Guy Martin called again regarding access to his land, due to the road crew being so busy this summer they never got back to clearing the spot that was agreed to. Tom said that he can access his land any time, maybe the road crew will have time next summer to do the clearing, just not now with the projects being behind.

The MOU with the school was brought up, the revised version was sent to the SB, but they had not had a chance to look it over for approval. This will be circled back around to.

Tom asked that a post go out on FPF next week to ask for letters of interest to fill John's seat on the Select Board until Town Meeting.

Tom asked that VLCT be reached out to regarding the new open meeting law, to see if someone would come to a meeting for clarifying the new specifics for the committee chairs. Sasha will reach out to someone.

Don was contacted by a Gallagher Acres resident, Brian Cooke, regarding excessive speeding at Gallagher Acres and wondering if there was anything that the SB could do to help. Tom said that Stefan could bring the radar sign over there and the sheriff could be asked to do some patrol in that area as well.

Callie **made the motion** to approve the SB minutes of 9/16/2024. Don seconded. All were in favor. Callie **made the motion** to approve the SB minutes of 10/07/2024. Don seconded. All were in favor.

Don **made the motion** to elect Callie as Vice Chair. Tom seconded. All were in favor.

7:50 **Old Business:** there was none

7:51 **New Business:** there was none

7:52 PM Tom **made the motion** to go into Executive Session per V.S.A. Section 313 (F). Confidential reasons. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

8:02 PM Don **made the motion** to exit Executive Session. Don seconded. All were in favor. Tom **made the motion** to fill the Charles O. Davis Fund request of \$2,500. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

Warrants signed and approved: Accounts Payable 24052 checks 25743 – 25777; Payroll 24053 e – checks 4672 – 4682

4 liquor licenses for approval

Adjourn: Don **made the motion** to adjourn at 8:06 pm. Callie seconded. All were in favor.