

Town of Moretown

Selectboard Minutes

3/5/2018

Board Members Present: Tom Martin, Rae Washburn, Tom Badowski, John Hoogenboom and Jason Aronowitz

Guest Present: Catrina Brackett, Cheryl Brown and Cherilyn Brown.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Tom M.

General Public Comment: None at this time

Old Business: Mowing Bids- from Eric Howes vs keeping Stefan Pratt on the town road crew part time seasonal was discussed. The board made it very clear Stefan would need to stay under 30 hours. Mowing should take about 20 hours a week and he will work for the road crew as needed. **MOTION:** Rae made a motion to keep mowing in house for the mowing season of 2018. John seconded the motion. **DISCUSSION:** Tom B suggested looking into the corrections department for mowing. It is not felons but people working off community service. Cheryl and Catrina will also review the labor laws of having Stefan as a seasonal/part time employee. **VOTE:** All agreed 5-0

Parking Lot Storm Water design- As requested at the last Selectboard Meeting, the board wanted clarification on what it would mean to make the school/town parking lot a priority of the Storm Water Management plan. The plan is funded by Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission through the Clean water fund. The town wouldn't need to contribute any funding for development of the 30% design if the parking lot is selected as one of the top 5 projects for the town. These designs do not have enough detail for construction but are excellent step in that direction. They will show the layout of the site with the proposed improvement. Tom B and Rae did not understand why they would want to bring in another design when they already had an engineer. Cheryl explained the same people working on the storm water design would be the same people deciding on who receives the next ERP Grant. **MOTION:** John made a motion to allow the Storm Water Management plan to move forward. Tom B seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Rae abstained, Tom B voted against. Tom M John and Jason voted yes. Motion Passed with majority.

Reports and Communications: A complaint was received via email from Susan Nadeau about Grow Compost and the ongoing problem of the smell and rodents.

Vault: An email was received from Peak Mechanical concerning the humidity of the vault. They have offered to install a stand-alone dehumidifier that would work in series with the heat pump. It will be installed with a permanent drain system. The board signed off on the proposal.

A Notice of Hearing was received from Vermont Superior Court, Environment Division. Moretown Holdings LLC is appealing a decision from the DRB concerning their denial of a building permit to expand the residence. John Riley had entered the meeting during this conversation and spoke about the DRB fully standing behind the decision. He felt Ron Shems would not have to spend a lot of time on this case.

Sidewalk Project: A cost for proposal for contract amendment was received from Staff Sterling management. With several unknown factors in the project his current contract has been exhausted. The amendment for \$10,500 was approved for Local Project Manager service work to be completed on the sidewalk project.

Catch Basin Design: Lamoureux and Dickinson had submitted a proposal to amend the scope of work for additional engineering design services related to the addition of the VT RT 100B storm water system upgrades. They purposed a finish date of on or before July 31, 2018. The Board would like to see construction start this summer and amended the contract to read by April 15, 2018. Tom M made a motion to accept the proposal with the new deadline of April 15, 2018. Tom B seconded. All agreed.

Combined Grants: Cheryl had worked with VTRANS to combine the sidewalk project grant and new catch basin grant into one since both projects would need to happen at once. The board signed off on this decision. The combined grant now equals \$508,574.

Next Meeting: A special organizational meeting will be held Tuesday March 13, 2018 @ 6pm.

Documents for approval: Overload permits for Pike Industries Inc, Austin Construction, Rice Lumber and United Natural Foods Inc. The Annual Financial Plan for the Highway department.

Warrants: PR#18007 e2675-2686; AP#18008 19365-19396; AP#18009 19397; PR#18010 e2687-e2699 and 19398-19400 ; AP#18011 19401-19419

Motion to Adjourn: Tom M made a motion to adjourn at 6 :45pm. John seconded the motion. All agreed