

Town of Moretown
Selectboard Minutes
4/2/2018

Board Members present: Rae Washburn, Callie Streeter, John Hoogenboom and Jason Aronowitz

Board Members not present: Tom Martin

Guest Present: Catrina Brackett, Cheryl Brown, Chuck Burt, Jonathan Siegel, Dara Torre and John Schmeltzer

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

General Public Comment: None at this time

Town Administrator Report:

Accident #18A301164 – 3/13/18 – update – Other car was totaled. Most likely insurance will settle for around \$3,500. Received VSP accident report stating “Martin was at fault for backing the vehicle in an unsafe manner, a violation of Title 23 VSA Section 113, limitations on backing. Secondary factor was snow covered roadway. Martin was issued VCVC #3265456 for limitations on backing, “the driver of a vehicle shall not back the same unless such movement can be made with safety and without interfering with other traffic.”

Set a date for ICS 402 training/Emergency command center training. Cheryl asked they do the training at the Moretown Town hall as they have done in the past. The board agreed on Monday May 14th @ 6pm. Cheryl will confirm details.

Mud season and road condition calls. Cheryl, Catrina and Rae all received calls this weekend concerning road conditions. Catrina questioned who to call if Martin is out of town and the answer is Rae. He will speak to Martin to confirm.

Howland Brown and Beki Auclair have not signed the sidewalk easement. A draft easement has been present to VTRANS and Howland with an easement release date of “when the project is complete,” that Howland is looking over.

Developing a Facebook page in Moretown. Catrina wrote a draft social media policy for the Selectboard to review. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Stefan’s hours over 30 per week for 2018 is 98 hours. Based on 13 weeks (7.5 hrs. over per week). Stefan rescheduled to come in to the next meeting to discuss summer hours when there is a full board.

Town Hall rental – Stefan forgot about the Spaulding rental so they had to hunt him down for a key. Then they had to clean (sweep) before the service. Cheryl thinks the rental fee (\$150) should be returned to them.

MOTION: Rae made a motion to return the Spaulding rental fee check. Seconded by John. All agreed. Cheryl suggested the Selectboard think about a change for the Town Hall cleaning. Jason suggested making a brochure for the Town Hall as a rental to show people that its available for events. Catrina will do this.

Reports and Communications:

A letter was received from Caroline and Mike Saganich concerning why their taxes went up so much last year. Cheryl stated she spoke to Mike last November and believes the increase is in part because they file as nonresidential. The Selectboard would like a letter drafted to send back to them.

A letter to inform the town that work is being done on Cobb Hill cell tower.

An email was received from Mary Murphy concerning the broken sidewalk at the far end of the parsonage driveway. Also, that while at the Town Hall someone put their shoe heel though a floor register.

Cheryl will contact Martin about the sidewalk and Catrina will check out the Town hall.

An email was received from Denise Gabaree of the Historical Society, that the Library had asked them to come to a meeting to discuss moving to the Town Hall. She asked for the history of Town Hall usage for the last year. Cherilyn responded to Denise via email with a usage breakout.

Rae attended the Historical Society meeting and relayed that they strongly think moving the Library to the Town Hall is a big mistake. If in fact the plan were to move forward, they requested a seat at the table. They also spoke to Rae about a questionnaire they were planning to send out. The Selectboard would like to see it before it mailed. Catrina will contact Elizabeth Burt and ask for a copy.

John Weir gave the Selectboard a draft Outdoor Storage of Junk and Junk Vehicles ordinance to add to the current Moretown Zoning Regulations to review. The Planning Commission will follow through with the public hearing process etc., if the Selectboard finds no revisions to the draft.

Callie let the other Selectboard members know she had attending the Selectboard training and felt she got a lot out of it.

Rae said he received a call from Mark Diego concerning a frozen culvert on Brownsville Rd.

A request for a 2017 late homestead filing penalty fee to be waived was received. No action will be taken until there is a full board.

Central VT Internet: Chuck Burt answered more questions the Selectboard had about joining CVI. Their first meeting will be held around May 8th so the Selectboard should make a decision before then. Waitsfield Telecom declined to come to a Selectboard meeting to talk about future internet upgrade but said the Selectboard members were welcome to come meet with them. Catrina will try to set this up.

Members of the Planning Commission- Dara Torre, Jonathan Seigel and John Schmeltzer were present to ask the Selectboard to join them as they review and revise the Hazard Mitigation Plan with CVRPC. They will keep the Selectboard informed as to when the grant agreement is set to begin the work.

Minutes from 3/19/18: John moved to accept the minutes as written, Jason seconded. A note was made about a misspelling of a name, it will be corrected. All in favor to approve the 3/19 minutes as corrected.

New Business: None at this time

Next Meeting: Will be held on Monday, April 16th at 6 pm.

Documents for approval: Overload permits for GW Tatro, Structural Wood Corporation, Camp Precast Concrete Products, Gauthier Trucking, NA Manosh, Christopher Viens, Bacon Trucking, Griffin and Griffin, Tim Thompson Trucking, Dubois Construction, John G French and Sons Trucking, Curtis Lumber, Sticks and Stuff and Riclin Farms Inc.

A VTrans grant agreement for \$65,786 for the repairs to Lovers Lane after the January 2018 rain event, was signed as approved.

Cemetery three-year mowing contract for Eric Howes, was signed as approved.

Warrants: AP# 18014 ck#19466-19493; e2771 VOIDED; PR# 18015 e2712-e2723, ck#19494

Motion to Adjourn: Rae made a motion to adjourn at 7:50pm. Callie seconded the motion. All agreed