

**Town of Moretown  
Selectboard Meeting  
10/07/2019**

**Board Members Present:** Tom Martin, John Hoogenboom, Rae Washburn, Callie Streeter, Jason Aronowitz

**Guests Present:** Kristen Rodgers, Peter Langella, Jeb Bouchard, Denise Gabaree, Carla Lewis, Susan Werntgen, Karen Sharpwolf, Don Wexler, Jamie Wimble, Elizabeth Burt, Gabriel Gilman, Ray Munn, Dick Valentinetti, The Commons Condo Association, Angelo Napolitano, Sasha Elwell-Badore

**Meeting called to order** at 6:00 pm by Tom Martin.

**Public Comment:** Peter Langella wanted to voice being in favor of the library move. Also, thanked the board for the important letter that they sent to the school board. He is worried about the anticipated closures and that there is going to be abrupt compromise in the decisions made. He feels that moving the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders to another location is not wise. He is also concerned about kids going to Crossett Brook, he has calculated from his house on one side of town it would be 18+ miles.

Brief discussion was had on HUUSD, and the meetings that have been taking place. All agreed that more research needs to be done before decisions are made.

Don Wexler referred back to the meeting in August about the bridge construction on Route 100B next summer. Suggesting that more than just speed limit signs go up on the Pony Farm Road. Such as cautions for joggers, bikers, etc.

Ray Munn asked about the damage to the sidewalk to see if it was figured out who did the damage. He saw a low bed with a big compactor go up the Mountain Road, being pulled by a yellow truck. Sasha is going to call Northfield again to see if there is another contractor working with Pike on the paving project going on towards the covered bridges.

**6:15 pm** the Library Trustees presented a list of three scenarios to the board, that they discussed at their last meeting. All of which showed the Library books being on the main floor of the Town Hall. They brought concerns in about the possibility of mold in the basement. At the last SB meeting they were asked to bring in a plan for the basement. There was no plan discussed because they feel the humidity is too high. Callie brought up Warren and the mold issue there, voiced wonder about what their Library is doing. Also mentioned that at the Aldrich Library, the children's collection is in their basement and they have done an amazing job of making it cheery and inviting. The Trustees voiced that the move to the main floor is a temporary solution, it would save money, due to nothing needing to be done. Being moved to the main floor would be an easier and safer solution. Tom asked that we get an assessment of the air quality at the Town Hall before any decision is to be made. The Library Trustees were asked to come back to the next meeting October 21, 2019.

**Reports and Communications:** Curb cut was not approved, due to clerical error. Errors & Omissions from the Listers was approved. Washington Electric Co-Operative had a correction with their acreage changing the value from \$1,491,600 to \$1,747,400. Parcel ID 13-003.000. The Board approved a new road name for River Development, Boulder Drive.

Rae checked the drainage issue at the Town Hall, said that the grade could be lowered about six inches, put in a trench drain with stone for better draining and it would be roughly \$4,000.00. It is do-able in the next month or so, this would be using town equipment, making it cheaper.

John feels that HUUSD is listening more, he attended the after the meeting discussions with Brian Mohr. Which he felt positive about.

John has another Clean Water Advisory Committee meeting coming up, they are working on a letter to CVRPC. Talking about keeping water clean, storm water run off, and reducing the cutting of trees (because the trees drink up the water).

John plans on getting a post out on FPF regarding the Lone Pine tree.

Jason spoke a little about the Resident Engineer on the sidewalk construction project. The first preference only had one year of experience, the Committee is requiring eight years. They have moved onto the second choice, they are waiting to hear back.

Tom spoke of an incident at the Town Office that Cherilyn called him on. Someone came into the office and went straight to the restroom. As it turned out, the person was locked in there, apparently doing drugs. Tom feels there should be security cameras worked into the budget, and asked that quotes are obtained.

**7:00 pm** The Commons Condo Association came to speak about an ongoing issue, asking the board for help and direction. The board was not aware of anything new with this problem, it had not been brought to the board since 2017. There is a serious health violation going on with odor and the air quality is bad. There has been a problem with grease fires at this unit, an animal that there are concerns about, and there is liquid seeping through the floor to another unit. There is an elderly lady that lives below this unit and also a woman with an immune system disease in the same building. This problem is spreading and not contained to this one location. On top of having an odor problem, there are bugs and such coming from there. The association came in to ask the board to back them up and approve a warrant to be issued. The board is not sure what jurisdiction they have over this, and are going to reach out to the town lawyer. The board asked that the association keep them in the loop with what is going on. Fines to this individual have been issued and ignored. Anyone that attempts to go near this unit receives threats of being shot. Angelo thanked the board for their time, follow up will be done with him when answers are obtained.

**Old Business:** None to be discussed.

**New Business:** None to be discussed.

**Warrants** 19049 for payroll and 19050 for accounts payable were signed.

John moved to approve minutes from September 16, 2019 meeting, Callie seconded. All were in favor.

**Adjourn:** Tom moved to adjourn at 7:36 pm, Callie seconded. All were in favor.