

**Town of Moretown
Selectboard Meeting
11/04/2019**

Board Members Present: Tom Martin, John Hoogenboom, Callie Streeter, Jason Aronowitz. Rae Washburn was not present.

Guests Present: Dan Currier, Jeremy Hansen, Stefan Pratt, Karen Horn, Deborah Feldman, Craig Eilers, Chuck Burt, Denise Gabaree, Jamie Wimble, Cheryln Brown, and Sasha Elwell-Badore.

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

Public Comment: Denise had some questions about the quilts & curtains in the town hall, being covered by insurance. The board advised that she get pictures and values of the items so that it all can be put into the town inventory. Also, asking for permission to put a different kind of locking system on the curtains, the board was fine with that, as long as there is a copy of the key at the town office as well. Discussion was had on the library move being permanent and Denise is concerned that there won't be a town vote on it. It was made clear that the SB can make that decision without at town vote. But they are hoping to have the winter move be a trial to see if this is something that can actually work out. Then have a town vote, Denise agreed that it would be fair.

Jamie came in to thank the board for allowing the library move to take place for the winter. She gave an update on what is going on, including an incident with the portable toilet being knocked over by the wind. Saturday, November 9, is moving day for the books, they will be having pizza afterwards. Nov 16 is scheduled to be a re-grand-opening for the library, at the town hall.

6:10 Dan Currier did a presentation on the options that there are for tracking road maintenance and construction. There are a few different things that could be implemented or a combination of a few. Road Surface Management System 11 or Robert Turner Software. There are also a couple of online tools that could be utilized and one is going to be required in 2020. Vermont Culverts and Vermont Municipal Roads Portal. RSMS 11 has the ability to track both paved & dirt roads, you score and get a value for surface & drainage maintenance. Inventory needs to be uploaded to this system, which helps to plan for a year or multiple years. It stores maintenance records for tracking and the conditions, with options for sections of the road (if there is clay base in one part and not another, for example). You start out with paper inventory and then upload it to the program. The cost for this one is \$150.00, once over the lifetime of the program. This system calculates the costs (not the equipment), over time this tool would be good for capital budgeting. The Robert Turner Software can track by equipment and the type of work done, not so much on the money end. You pick a road, go to the segment, and put in what was done for work. It can track hours, a machine list and materials used. This system could also track the plowing and mowing for the school, less room for error in billing. Dan is

going to ask Robert on the cost, he has heard that it is very comparable to the RSMS 11 costs. He also let Cherilyn know that there is a category A grant that is due 11/22/19 that could possibly help deter the costs. The online tools are Vermont Culverts and the Municipal Roads Portal (which will be required in 2020). Dan recommends getting a tablet for these programs, just to make it easier, something with a touch screen for quicker input.

6:45: Jeremy Hansen from CV Fiber came in to speak with the board about the expansion in Moretown. They have spread out to 17 towns in Central Vermont (Washington & Lamoille counties). They are a municipality and not looking for profit, they are looking to serve and help meet the future needs of the community. They are trying to bring fiber where there is none or only DSL available. The deadline has come and they needed to know if the town wanted to go ahead with committing to this. Their goal is to have fiber where there is none and not to be competition for anyone. John made the motion to move forward with CV Fiber. Callie seconded. All were in favor. Tom moved to appoint Chuck Burt to be the Moretown Representative. John seconded. All were in favor.

7:15: Craig Eilers came in to speak with the board about health insurance for the town's employees. Tom informed Craig that the Conflict of Interest that the board is looking into adopting may impact whether or not he can work with the town on this. He said that was fine, he had other colleagues that could step in. He wanted to bring this opportunity to the board to save the town some money, due to the rates for insurance going up considerably. The 2020 Platinum plan with Blue Cross is going up 14%, which is what the town has currently. The Platinum plan with MVP is a change of 3%. But there is a new plan that Blue Cross is offering, called Blue Edge Business, you need to have at least five people covered in order to purchase this plan. There was discussion on the pros & cons of this, the biggest being the money savings. The quote that Craig brought in expires December 9. Tom suggests to just digest the plans and get feedback from the employees. Craig will meet with the employees for a Q & A.

8:15: Stefan came in to speak with the board about the numbers on the budget for the Fire Department. It was getting late, so the board asked that he come to the next meeting. He was thanked for covering the town hall while someone is found to do it. Cherilyn gave an update at that time that there is someone that is very interested in doing it.

Reports and Communications: nothing discussed.

Old Business: Conflict of Interest Policy was briefly discussed. Tom moved to adopt the Conflict of Interest Policy. Jason seconded. All were in favor. The Purchase Policy was briefly discussed, all agreed that the town is following it now, so it was just a matter of adopting it. Tom moved to adopt the Purchase Policy. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

Tom said that the warrant had been served at The Commons and the report has been done. Also, made a statement that the board has followed through on what had needed to be done on their end.

New Business: Cherilyn has been working with Larry Ruggles from Ruggco on some siding issues that were found with the new town office building. A claim was submitted to the company and just needed to be signed by the board to get the refund on the boards that are

faulty. There is a fifteen-year warranty on this product. Tom moved to sign the Settlement Agreement. John seconded. All were in favor.

The MECA program at MES has booked the town hall for a fundraiser on December 6, they asked that the board waive the fee for the rental as long as they provided the required insurance for the use of the hall. John made the motion to waive the fee. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

There was one overload permit to sign and be approved.

Jamie Wimble sent an email to the board regarding minutes that were recorded for the meeting on 12/18/2017. She said that there was an error on the guest list at that meeting, it said that Karen Sharpwolf and Helen Banevicious were there, it was actually Karen Sharpwolf and Jamie Wimble that attended. Tom moved to amend the minutes to reflect that Jamie was at that meeting. John seconded. All were in favor.

John mentioned that Fayston is looking into a lawyer to see if HUUSD followed the agreement. And that the following night HUUSD was having their meeting to discuss the second opinion.

Tom wanted to be sure that the departments will be at the next meeting on November 18 to discuss their budgets for 2020. (Fire Department, Road Department, Listers, Library). Cherilyn will also be in attendance as well.

John moved to approve the minutes from 10/21/2019. Jason would like page 4 amended on the computer subject, scratch out *exist* and replace with *be supported*. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

Warrants signed 19053 P/R, 19054 A/P and 19055 A/P.

Adjourn: Tom made the motion to adjourn at 8:43 pm. John seconded. All were in favor.