

**Town of Moretown
Selectboard Meeting
02/03/2020**

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

Guests Present: Dara Torre, Sandy Rouse, Kim Farnum, John Schmeltzer

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

Public Comment: No one was present for public comment

Reports and Communications: Tom & John attended the preconstruction meeting earlier in the day. Rae stopped in to represent Dubois, (not as a Selectboard member). They went over the schedule and the hope is that the work will start in late March, early April. There was brief discussion on the project. Rae brought in a letter to get authorization from the board for placing a job trailer and porta potty at the sight of the old town office building. They agree to leave the lot intact or in better condition as when the project starts. John made the motion to allow Dubois to have their job trailer and porta potty at the old town office location. Callie seconded. All were in favor. Rae wanted to be sure that a copy of the signed letter was emailed over to Dubois.

Sasha was asked to get David with GPI, Martin's contact information so that he can be in the loop. The board would like him involved in all of this. First item on the agenda with this project is the Lone Pine on the corner of Route 100B and Moretown Mountain Road. It was discussed at the pre-construction meeting that there will be meetings every other Wednesday at 10:00 am. There was concern about the utilities being moved in time for this project to be started and Chris Hunt will be reached out to in order to figure out who that person is in charge of that task. Also, if any of the project for the other sidewalk could be wrapped into the first sidewalk project, since the area will be torn up for the paving portion. After the pre-construction meeting John, Chris and Cherylyn met regarding the other project of the next sidewalk to be done.

John briefly spoke about being interviewed by WCAX regarding the schoolboard, he commented that Lisa Mason did a good job. The whole board received a phone message from a resident with concerns about the law suit, John actually got a hold of her and spoke with Denise Russo about her concerns.

6:15 Dara Torre came to speak with the board about the enhanced energy plan after meeting with the planning commission. She will be meeting again with them this month. The plan will be impacting and changing the town plan, she is encouraging the board to take a look at the draft as soon as it is available on the town website. April 1st

will be the hearing with the planning commission, and she asked that someone from the board attend. Then the Selectboard needs to review it and then they will need to have a hearing after that. The plan includes accessible goals, progress on pathways, with heating, transportation and solar energy. She wants to implement an annual meeting and bring more local knowledge to this subject, and to include the other towns that are working on theirs as well, Waitsfield and Middlesex. Dara asked if she could speak about it at pre town meeting, the big subjects are bringing in different ways to generate energy and exploring bringing more local knowledge. Rae inquired about grants for electric vehicle charging stations. He suggested while Dubois is at the old town office site, that it could be possible to dig for the wiring this summer, suggesting EV at the location of the old town office parking. Jason inquired about solar paneling for the town office and that possibly being an area for the energy committee to explore.

6:35 Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice, Sandy Rouse and Kim Farnum were present to talk about their services. CVHHH served 58 patients and made 1,704 visits in the calendar year 2019 to Moretown residents. Their services are not just for people that are older. They serve way more than sick individuals. They help with cleaning, checking in on new mothers, tending to stitches and dressings after surgeries, they can serve three people for the cost of putting one person into a nursing home. They even go above the services that the organization covers, they coordinate and get individuals in contact with the appropriate people that can help, which they do not get paid for. A big goal for them is keeping people out of nursing homes and in their own homes as much as they can. Many may not know that CVHHH is on call 24/7.

The board was informed of a violation that David Specht issued to a resident on River Road, just so that they are all aware of the situation. Mary Alice Clark has a shed that needs to be moved out of the flood plain.

Tom read a letter from Richard Valentinetti requesting \$300.00 for pay on his duties as the Health Officer. John moved to pay Richard. Callie seconded. All were in favor. He should be paid out of the Selectboard discretionary fund.

John mentioned that Cherilyn left him information on the At Ready Services, companies that are available for the second sidewalk project.

Old Business: John Schmeltzer came in briefly, he thought that the board was going to be talking about the hazard mitigation. It was not on the agenda to be talked about.

Jason wanted it added to the first page of the minutes on 1/21/2020 that while town meeting being at the town hall was being discussed, he wanted it to be on record that he expressed his opinion that town meeting should remain at the town hall as it historically has. Jon Siegal added that it has been at the town hall for 185 years and should stay that way. Rae made the motion to accept the minutes as amended. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

New Business: nothing was discussed.

Warrants signed for P/R 20005 and A/P 20006

3 overweight permits were signed and approved for Bourne's Inc, Hinesburg Sand & Gravel, and Velco

Adjourn: Tom moved to adjourn at 7:08 pm. Callie seconded. All were in favor.