

**Town of Moretown
Selectboard Meeting
Via conference call
06/15/2020**

Board Members Present: Tom Martin, John Hoogenboom, Rae Washburn, Callie Streeter, Don Wexler

Guests Present: Tom Chenette, Neil Nussbaum, Steve Robbins, Michelle Beard, Jamie Wimble, Sasha Elwell-Badore

Meeting called to order by Tom at 6:00 pm

Public Comment: Michelle spoke about the Zoom subscription the library is using for their trustee meetings and Cory is also using it for some of the programming for the library. She found out that hosts can not be shared, a business tier would need to be purchased and up to ten groups could utilize it. Discussion will continue on this.

Michelle also spoke about moving the budgeted portable toilet money over to building maintenance to cover their portion of the trash and recycling bill. The board was fine with that.

Tom asked what the library's plan is for re-opening or what they have thought of going forward. Jamie said that Cory plans on scheduling appointments, but is waiting on more PPE for the cleaning in between. She is also going to continue with the curbside service.

Neil was on the call for public comment, but Tom moved him to old business since he was talking about MES.

Steve spoke about an email that was submitted regarding a mission statement for the Rec Committee. He will be put on the next agenda so that he has more time to speak with the board about this. The Rec Committee will be first on the agenda for July 6 for about twenty minutes to discuss their ideas. John wanted to confirm that someone from the Rec Committee would serve on the Land Management Committee, which will be composed of SB member(s), Planning Commission(s), and Moretown School representative(s). This committee would be revising the Land Management Plan for the Town Forest, as it expires this year. This should be discussed more in the near future.

6:15: Tom Chenette was on the call because he sent a letter of interest to the SB about the 1st Constable position that has been vacant. He was asked to tell the SB about himself. He is part of the Burlington Police Department, his position is a Detective with the Major Crimes Division. He has been looking to do some community service and thought this would be a good fit. John made the motion to appoint Tom Chenette to the

1st Constable position. Callie seconded. All were in favor. Tom M let Tom C know that he may be called upon for back up on dog issues.

Terms Expiring 6:15: Paula Woods Development Review Board term expires in June 2020. John made the motion to re-appoint Paula Woods to the DRB. Callie seconded. All were in favor. Karen Horn's Planning Commission term expires in June 2020. John made the motion to re-appoint Karen Horn to the PC. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

Reports and Communications 6:30: Sasha let the SB know that there is a curb cut for Otter & Williams that needs to be approved and will send it out for their signatures.

Callie spoke about a commercial that caught her eye and thought about the town hall when she saw it, for Northern Basement Systems. They give free quotes and thought maybe they would have some ideas about the town hall basement. She is going to work on getting more information on them.

Don spoke more about the committee he wants to form for the future of the town hall. He would like to reach out to the Chairs of all the committees in town and have someone from each participate. Tom would also like to have him figure out the intentions of the committee as well.

John spoke about the construction and that it was all set for the School Re-Vote on Tuesday. School Street will be open so things run smoothly. He advised that there had been underground tanks found at the store and they had been removed. There have been a few errors found with the construction, but they are being addressed and will be corrected. Rae said that Dubois made a mistake on the width of the sidewalk, they recognize the error and are standing behind their product. Tom said that some of the issues were not on Dubois, but it is appreciated that they are fixing them. Erin Hunt is happy with the job that was done behind the Fire Station, (she lives next door). They allowed some of their plants to be dug up, so Tom would like to do something for them at the end of the project, due to their generosity.

Rae wanted it mentioned that the French drain at the town hall has not been forgotten and still needs to be done. He will be getting with Martin to discuss it. He is waiting on the Covid-19 to clear up more to be able to meet in person and form the Village Sewer Committee that has been talked about. Tom reminded him that Clark Amadon wants to be a part of it, as well as Don Wexler.

John briefly discussed some issues that were going on with the sidewalk engineering, there were some things that were missed and has been frustrating in this process.

Rae made the motion to approve the minutes from 06/01/2020. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

Old Business 6:45: Neil discussed the petition he initiated in March, he is interested in getting the SB to hold a meeting for discussing pulling out of the school district. He has been researching the process, 51% of the town needs to agree, and then it goes onto the State, after that the other towns in the district would vote on whether or not to allow the town to withdraw.

John thinks that MES is in greater danger now more than ever, of being closed. Due to MECA changing and not being at the school any more. But with the budget not passing previously has bought some time, otherwise the 5th and 6th graders would have all ready been moved. Originally there was to be a bond vote in June this year and there has been no talk of it. He feels that all options should be explored. Rae asked about it being a vote for this year, the costs need to be figured out and also what the impact on students would be, if this were to happen. Neil told the SB that he is going to continue researching this. Tom discussed needing to map this out, meeting with the town attorney and then hold a meeting with the town to get their input. SB would like Kristen Rodgers and Lisa Mason to join the next meeting on July 6.

Tom asked that Sasha call and follow up again with Linda Vantine.

John asked about the finalization of trail #17, he wants to be sure that everything is good to go before anyone is allowed to go on that property. He thinks that the Vt Master Naturalist program through UVM could perform a study that would be used as the beginning of the new Land Management Plan for that parcel. The study would be handed over to the Land Management Committee when it's completed. Tom thought that the land donation was complete, but it should be looked into just to be sure. When it is finalized, the SB would also like to have the input of the townspeople.

Tom asked that Sasha check in again with the contact for the bridge construction.

Brief discussion was had on the engineering of the stormwater design for MES. Rae and John will dig into it further to see what the plans entail, John thinks that there are other parts to the plan such as a rain garden.

New Business: there was none.

Adjourn: Rae made the motion to adjourn at 7:31 pm. Callie seconded. All were in favor.