

**Town of Moretown
Selectboard Meeting
11/16/2020**

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Via ZOOM Meeting ID 620 104 2716

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

Guests: Clark Amadon, Jenn Wood, Michelle Beard, Jennifer Hill, Cory Stephenson, Stefan Pratt, Martin Cameron, MRVTV, Cherilyn Brown, Sasha Elwell-Badore

Meeting Called to Order at 6:00 pm by Tom (he was present for the meeting but gave it over to John while he was on a conference call with the Health Department)

Public Comment: Clark was present to encourage the SB to advocate on the face coverings, maybe even mandate them. He has concerns about going into the Moretown Store due to the lack of people wearing masks. John said that later it could be brought back up and discussed.

Green Mountain Transit: Jenn Wood was present to speak to the SB about the services they have available. She brought a power point to share and talked about an app they now have to show where buses are. They are requesting \$775 from Moretown to help with their funding. Right now rides are free and she believes that it will go through until FY 21 (June 2021). If anyone has questions for her, she can be reached at JWood@ridegmt.com. John advised Jenn that it is budget time and assured her that the SB would talk about the funding. Rae inquired about possibly having a route that would go the back side of the river (River Road and Jones Brook Road), rather than or in addition to Route 2. Jenn said that she would look into it for him.

6:23: Reports & Communications: Sasha reminded the SB about the Stantec contract for the next sidewalk project. This is still in the very beginning stages, but things are moving forward. Cherilyn needed a motion to officially accept the contract. John made the motion to accept the Stantec contract for the next sidewalk project. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

Sasha let the SB know that Cheryl has submitted the withdraw paperwork to take the donated land to the town from Montgomery Timber out of land use.

Errors & Omissions: the listers submitted another correction for the SB approval 09-012.000 Danny Chamberlin and Timothy Durand
Value change from \$225,100 to \$187,500
Reason: this request is due to a large barn that was incorrectly included in this parcel. Rae made the motion to accept the correction on the Errors & Omissions. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

Bruce Saffran emailed with a concern about a very tall tree at the corner of Howes Road and Moretown Mountain Road. Wondering if it could be cut down in anticipation of a wind storm and causing problems. John will look into it and get back with Bruce.

Rae said that he had spoken to John Summers about his driveway on South Hill Road. Bringing to Rae's attention some ditching issues and wanting some help from the town with the culvert or gravel. There was brief discussion on this.

Rae also said that he should have the quote on replacing the Moulton property pins soon.

Callie said that she had spoken with Stefan about the air packs they need and Stefan advised that he did not get the grant that he applied for. So that may be something that could be talked about with the budget.

6:40: Library budget – Michelle brief discussion was had on the budget for the library, it has only gone up \$1400, mostly for the purchase of new books. The library serves about 1,000 people a year and it has been busier the last few months because of Covid-19. Building maintenance has gone up 4.16%. They would like to only pay a quarter of the trash bill that is shared with the town office. Salaries are level funded, they are lower for year to date right now, due to Covid-19. Sasha was asked to check with the Historical Society on how much they use the "old" library building.

7:00: Budget – Next meeting

Tom wanted to share what was gone over on the conference call with the Agency of Human Services/Health Department. There has been a spike in Covid-19 cases in the MRV, Waterbury and Washington county. They are trying to get the message out through town officers: SOCIAL DISTANCE, WEAR MASKS AND STOP PARTYING! The contact tracing is going back to small gatherings/parties. Even taking walks with your neighbor is not a good idea, keep to your immediate family. John has had concerns about the Moretown store and their following the mask wearing rule. Rae said that he was hesitant at the beginning of the pandemic, but he is all for mandating the mask

wearing now. Tom said that as a town we need to go further and mandate it. Get it sent out to the businesses and remind them of how important it is. John made the motion to require/mandate face coverings. Rae seconded. Callie abstained. Tom, John, Rae and Don were all in favor. The face mask policy will be worked on.

7:09: John made the motion to accept the SB minutes of 11/02/2020. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

Old Business: 2001 dump truck – brief discussion was had on the truck and it was decided that it will be listed on Craig’s list. If there is no luck with that, it will go to an auction. The town would like to recoup as much money as possible since the dump body is pretty new. Tom asked that Martin take some pictures, write up some information on the truck and Sasha will take care of the rest.

The Mad River Ambulance Service has sent in a request for funding.

7:20: Covid-19 – email from Martin to the SB with concerns about the road crew getting sick. Tom asked if he had a solution and he did not, he voiced concerns that it would be very difficult on the town. There is a Mutual Aid Agreement with Duxbury that has been in place. Martin was asked to contact surrounding towns to see what other options there are. Rae suggested that the guys keep separated, when the roads are plowed and the maintenance is done, go home. He would be in support of that to keep everyone safe, without losing wages. Tom suggested only two guys work together on something, and keep to the same buddy for projects that need more than two hands. Also, to take time off in between the storms. Perhaps reaching out to the community at this time may be a good idea, just to prepare. If someone has a plow truck and they are going down a section of town road, maybe they would be willing to run their plow through. Rae suggested putting a post out on FPF to prepare residents for delays. Callie suggested that perhaps Berlin could do Jones Brook Road, since a section of it is theirs.

Grader quote: Martin received a quote for the grader repairs (engine replacement) from Nortrax, it’s pretty steep. He has also contacted Milton Cat and Munson Earth Moving to see what they would quote. There was brief discussion on the grader repairs.

An E.A Grandfield invoice was discussed. The town loader was down for a bit and Grandfield rented the town theirs for \$1,000.

7:45: New Business: Don gave an update on the group that is meeting about MES. The meeting is next week and it will be through ZOOM. He listed off some names of people that are joining, Callie, Gabe Gilman, Neil Nussbaum, Laura Schaller...Just in the

initial meeting Kristen Rodgers and Lisa Mason will plan on attending. Due to their status they can't get too involved with it.

Adjourn: Tom wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, and made the motion to adjourn at 7:48 pm. John seconded. All were in favor.