

**Town of Moretown
Selectboard Meeting**

12/21/2020

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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 Present: MRVTV, Hadley Laskowski (VR), Kaziah Haviland (Mad River Coalition), Jack & Pam Barnes, Cherilyn Brown, Karl Klein, Karen Horn, David Stapleton, Deborah Carroll, Michelle Beard, Martin Cameron, John Schmeltzer, Jon Siegal, Sasha Elwell-Badore

Meeting called to order by Tom at 6:00 PM

Public Comment: there was none

6:12: Jack & Pam Barnes were present to appeal the change to their E 911 address. He read a letter that he wrote to the SB. Recently they applied for a zoning permit, which triggered E 911 changes through the State of Vermont. After having the number for twenty years, they were very upset. Tom made the motion to re-instate their old E 911 number of 897 Moretown Common Road. John seconded. All were in favor. Further discussion was had on other issues they are experiencing with zoning, they have been dissatisfied and very frustrated with the zoning application process. SB advised Jack to appeal to the DRB and Tom let him know that the town would waive the fees for filing an appeal as well. Jack was vocal in his opinion on this process with the Zoning Administrator.

6:45: Martin updated the SB on the grader repairs and the last oil sample didn't show any issue with the engine. But now the circle on the grader needs some work done to it and Beauregard gave a quote to do the work for \$15,000. Rae suggested doing a third sample before the SB makes a decision on what to do, if anything about the engine repairs.

The latest update on the new dump truck is looking like delivery would be after the new year.

7:02: Planning Commission Hearing on the technical amendments to the zoning ordinance. Karen spoke a little about the amendments the PC has been working on. It will make it easier to build good, affordable housing. This is being done in increments

and will also make it easier to understand. They welcome people to attend their meetings with any ideas or opinions they have on the zoning procedures. Tom made the motion to accept the amendments on the zoning ordinance that the Planning Commission implemented. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

7:10: Budget – Cherilyn was present for more discussion on the budget numbers.

She also wanted the approval of the SB to have the air filtration system installed in the basement of the town hall. Peak Mechanical will be installing the system for the upstairs on 12/22/2020. The additional money for the install in the basement is \$1250, Cherilyn pointed out that there is enough still in the building maintenance budget that would cover that portion. It was agreed that it should be done, it will be one step closer to having the basement be utilized. It has so far been dryer, after the road crew did the work on the drainage.

Cherilyn advised that the town was awarded the preservation grant she applied for to restore the historic windows at the town hall. There are only a few companies that do this kind of preservation. The grant amount was \$3,550 and the town would need to match that. This work will preserve the historic value and it would weatherize the windows, making it easier on the heating bill. SB agreed that it would be money well spent.

Cherilyn asked the SB to approve John Hoogenboom to be the authorized person for the portal on behalf of the Planning Commission grant for the zoning amendments through CVRPC. Tom made the motion to give permission to John H to go into the portal for the Planning Commission grant. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

Reports and Communications: Tom would like to wait until the first meeting in January to discuss the floor articles, including the air packs for the FD and MRVA

Old Business: Rae met with Martin on the Moulton property pin, he admitted that the road crew could have removed it in error. Rae would like to go ahead and follow through with the replacement. Tom agreed and said to go ahead and do it. Rae also mentioned the pin at the Mill that Jan called Martin on. It couldn't be located and would like to take a better look in the spring, he planned on speaking with Martin about it again on Tues.

John reminded everyone that the Finance Committee was meeting the next morning, Tues. Callie brought up a suggestion of the 1% local option tax, something to look into in the future.

New Business: Callie wanted to remind people about giving the snow plows room, don't crowd them, whether it's a town plow, state truck or local guy. Keep them safe.

Tom would like to have David Specht join a meeting at the beginning of the new year to talk about things that have been going on with zoning.

John made the motion to accept the SB minutes of 12/02/2020. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

Adjourn: Tom made the motion to adjourn at 7:37 PM. Callie seconded. All were in favor.