

**Town of Moretown
Select Board Minutes
February 1, 2021**

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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), Melanie Kessler, Cherilyn Brown, Sasha Elwell-Badore

Public Comment: there was none

6:01 Reports & Communications: Rae moved to accept the letter of resignation from Chuck Burt from the Recreation Committee. John seconded. All were in favor. Chuck has been very busy on the CV Fiber Board.

Don advised that he sent everyone an email with a list of names of people that are interested in the Library/Town Hall committee. This committee is to brainstorm on ideas for the future of the Library/Town Hall. Rae inquired about a SB member being a part of the group, that will be discussed at some point. Don is not running for SB again this year.

John made the motion to approve the SB minutes of 1/19/2021, with an amendment to the Finance Committee comments to make it clear that the FC suggested taking \$100,000, and NOT to borrow it. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

6:12 Melanie Kessler – Improve the safety on Route 100B through the S curves. She and her family are new to town and walk to school from their home off Freeman Hill Road. Her concern is the safety of walking or biking through the S curves going into the village. She has done work on other committees and would like to help do some work on possibly getting a grant for a walking path from Pony Farm Road to Hurdle Road. There was discussion on Chris Stephenson working on a bike path and has been for a few years now. Tom advised Melanie to get in touch with him, Cherilyn will coordinate and introduce them. Cherilyn also advised that Route 100B is a state highway, not a town road. Tom asked that Joyce Manchester from the TAC is reached out to, have her come to the next SB meeting.

6:34 Old Business: Don asked what the time line is for the next sidewalk project, he would like to suggest adding conduit to the project. Since going under ground is the way of the future, thought that it would be a good thing to have in place. Rae advised that the project is moving along very smoothly. The design work is in the final stages and will hopefully be done in the next month. It's possible that the bid for construction could possibly go out for 2022.

Deborah Feldman asked for permission to use an area on the stage at the Town Hall for virtual yoga classes and to use the internet. She would be the only one there and she would do it while the library is not open. There was brief discussion on it and the SB would like her to do a contract but since it will only be her there, the SB will waive the insurance requirement.

Jolley Liquor License: their license is up for renewal and the SB needs to approve it. Tom advised that he has had good conversations with them and they seem to be doing what they have been asked. There has been no more complaints about the lack of mask wearing. The only other hurdle would be that the State of Vermont is working on getting reimbursement for the town from Jolley for the removal of the fuel tanks found while the sidewalk project was going on. That bill was over \$15,000, so this could be good time to approach them regarding this and possibly get it squared away. There is time to renew the license before it expires. Tom will give his contact a call at Jolley and see if this issue can be taken care of before approving their license.

6:47 New Business: there was none

Brief discussion was had on the Informational Meeting February 22, 2021, format, etc. this will be gone over more at the next regular SB meeting on 2/16/2021.

Adjourn: Tom made the motion to adjourn at 6:54 pm. John seconded. All were in favor.