

**Town of Moretown
Select Board Meeting
04/19/2021**

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Via ZOOM Meeting ID 620 104 2716

Or to call in: 929-205-6099

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

Guests Present: Kristen Rodgers, Lisa Mason, MRVTV, Hugh & Pam Dow, Stefan Pratt, Philip Woodward (VLCT), Sasha Elwell-Badore

Meeting called to order by Tom at 6:00 PM

Public Comment: there was none

Tom made the motion to approve the library purchasing the Chromebooks through their grant. (due to the amount being over \$500.00 approval is needed.) Callie seconded. All were in favor.

6:05: Schoolboard Members: Kristen Rodgers and Lisa Mason were present to give an update on what is going on with the Schoolboard. There will be a Schoolboard vote on May 26 regarding the merger. Kristen is on the committee that is writing up the RFP for the new superintendent, the committee wants input as to what skills the new person should have. Lisa advised that there is going to be a presentation in May regarding the plan on the bond for the high school, voting on it in November. The community needs to be vocal about what they want, letters to the editor and social media work well and Lisa encourages the outlets to be utilized. Questions were asked about the "positives" of the merger and that has not been addressed as of yet. Except that consolidating would save money on the budget, due to less staff. Tom asked the SB for their input on composing a letter to the Schoolboard. Tom let Kristen and Lisa know that the MOU (maintenance of the parking lot) is being worked on and to be looking for that from the SB.

6:30: Legal Trail 18 – Pam & Hugh Dow were present to speak with the SB about the legal trail at the end of Freeman Hill Road (on tax map 51). Pam believes that it is Trail 15 and not 18. She has worked on getting information on the trail, through Cherilyn, Sasha, David Specht, John Croft (AOT) and Don with CAI. She was directed by AOT to ask the SB for help. The Dow's are willing to meet with someone to look at the trail, on site. They are asking for help from the SB with clarification on where this trail actually is. They are questioning this due to there being more traffic going in and out of the area that the trail is in. John advised that the subject of surveying a couple trails a year was discussed at one point. Rae agreed to a site visit to get started. Someone will get back to her as far as scheduling within the next week. Pam asked what is allowed on

the trails. Tom said anything that goes on the trails has to be registered and insured, also if there are any issues to call the VSP.

6:40: Sand Bids – sealed bids were opened

Tim Stone Trucking - \$5.60 per yard

Gilliespie - \$9.15 per yard

Newton - \$4.89 per yard

How long the contract is for, whether one or two years is in question. It is not listed on the bids, so the decision will be put off until that is found out due to it possibly impacting that price per yard. Rae will abstain from voting on it. Tom would like to speak with Martin for more input.

6:46: Reports & Communications: Sasha let the SB know what David Specht replied with about the lights being on at the store, also forwarded that email onto the SB. Tom advised that he spoke with Shawn Bartlett at the store and he said that there was no reason for the lights to be on during the night, it shouldn't be happening again. Sasha also asked the SB about the ACO pay, when can it be done, as Stefan has been working a lot. Tom reminded the SB that it could be anytime, Stefan just needs to ask about it and initiate getting paid.

Rae spoke briefly about damage to some of the trails, from Jeep travel. Also, that Diana Halsall has an issue at the end of her driveway (with the ditch flowing) on Hathaway Road. He advised that Martin is planning on taking a look at it to determine if it is a town issue or if it is on the resident.

Don – nothing

Callie – nothing

Tom brought up the pictures sent to the SB from Craig Eilers, the sidewalk has a couple spots that didn't weather the winter well. Also, briefly discussed speaking with the Moretown store (Shawn Bartlett), they are taking responsibility for the fuel tanks, so an invoice can be sent out to them. Therefore, their liquor license has been sent out to the state for approval.

John advised that he reached out to Joyce Manchester regarding the "S" curves outside the village, since it has been two months. He will advise once he hears back from her.

6:54: Old Business: there was none

6:55: New Business: Tom went back to the letter to the schoolboard. He asked the SB for their input, but he will start a letter inquiring about their intent, along with the pro's and con's of what they are planning. Discussion was had on reaching out to the other towns to get their thoughts.

Rae let the SB know that he walked the sidewalk last week, just to see how it is holding up. He found two spots that possibly need 8" of concrete versus 5" that was originally put in. The two spots do need to have the panels replaced. One damaged panel is at the corner of the Mountain Road and the other is near the second entrance for the store. He also advised that he will have Dubois come within the next few weeks to attend to bits of clean up (more seeding, etc.) Rae thought that maybe the engineer needs to be consulted with and Tom thought that exploring the thicker concrete is worth looking into, even if it costs the town.

More discussion was had on Class IV / Trails and who has authority to enforce law. Callie advised that the VSP was contacted over the weekend for a different situation and they were very responsive.

Approve SB Minutes: John made the motion to approve the SB minutes of 4/05/2021. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

Executive Session: At 7:10 PM John made the motion to go into Executive Session for finding that premature general public knowledge would clearly place the public body or person involved at a substantial disadvantage, confidential attorney-client communications made for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the body; under Title 1, Section 313(1)(F) per Vermont Statutes. John made the motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:33 PM. Callie seconded. All were in favor. No motions made.

At 7:34 PM John made the motion to go back into Executive Session for finding that premature general public knowledge would clearly place the public body or person involved at a substantial disadvantage, clear and imminent peril to the public safety; under Title 1, Section 313(1)(5) per Vermont Statutes. John made the motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:38 PM. Callie seconded. All were in favor. No motions made.

Adjourn: John made the motion to adjourn at 7:30 PM. Callie seconded. All were in favor.