

**Town of Moretown Select Board Meeting  
July 19, 2021 at 6:00 PM  
79 School Street  
In the John Hoogenboom Meeting Room**

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

**Guests Present:** ORCA Media, Cherilyn Brown, Philip Woodward (VLCT Attorney), Sasha Elwell-Badore

**Meeting called to order** by Tom at 6:00 PM

**Public Comment:** there was none

6:03 **2021 Tax Rate:** there were no appeals received by the town, so the tax rate could be set as follows:

<b>Resident</b> rate 0.41 Municipal	
	<u>1.7765 School</u>
Total	<b>2.1865</b>

<b>Non-Resident</b> rate 0.41 Municipal	
	<u>1.7345 School</u>
Total	<b>2.1445</b>

John made the motion to **set the tax rate as 0.41 for Municipal; totaling for Resident 2.1865 and Non-Resident 2.1445**. Callie seconded. All were in favor. Tax bills will be going out in the mail on Tuesday.

6:05 **Reports & Communications:** Sasha let the SB know that John Burns is asking that they waive the town hall fees for a training for local residents and neighboring towns on August 3 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. It is a training on insulating window inserts, Dara Torre with the Energy Committee is involved with this. SB agreed that the fees should be waived and just ask John to have someone disinfect. This is considered a “town” function, so the insurance should fall under the town.

Mad River Valley Recreation District is looking for someone to fill the empty seat that was filled by Erick Titrud. Tom asked that Sasha put it out on FPF.

David Specht asked that the SB ok an added word that the SOV said needed to be. Roberts Ramble needs to have one of the following after it: Lane; Drive, Ave, Road, etc. Carl Wimble would like Road added to it. The SB was fine with that.

Cherilyn advised that the town was awarded the grant to repair the Fletcher Road Bridge (the repair only) of \$74,700 with the town share being 10%, \$8,300. Bids will need to be put in for this to be contracted. She also let the SB know that the Grant-in-Aid will be received again this year, \$17,500.

Cherilyn let the SB know that the VMERS audit, that Moretown was randomly selected for, went really well.

John made the motion to accept the **SB Minutes of 7/06/2021**. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

**6:15 Old Business:** Rae & Callie had nothing new on the ATV subject, Callie has not heard back from the SOV and will reach out to them again.

Tom would like to get the two Legal Trails in question squared away this calendar year.

Don went to the Town of Waitsfield and checked out the Meeting Owl and they are willing to give a demonstration of it. Three other towns that are using it are Warren, Fayston and Waterbury. Tom would like to get estimates on how much the Meeting Owl runs.

Don met with Alex from the Preservation Trust and they will put \$500 towards a \$1,200 ADA study, leaving the town with \$700 to pay. The ADA study would be conducted on the town hall for improvements. The SB agreed to go ahead and expense the town share under the town hall. Don will contact Alex so that he can send over the \$500.

John spoke about some trees that are over grown at the sand pit and will get with Martin on trimming/cutting them. He has discovered some grape vines and sumac that need to be taken down.

**Zoning Fees:** Rae would like the residential DRB fees to stay the same as they have been. Rae made the motion to accept the Zoning fee changes with that amendment on the proposal from David Specht. John seconded. All were in favor.

Tom gave an update on **Morefest** – he spoke with Shawn Bartlett with Irving (Moretown General Store), they will be donating \$500 for Eric Howes to do a pig roast. The donations received will be given to LSC (Local Service Committee). Thoughts on having the constable be present because of the Lawson's having the beer tent was discussed. Sasha will reach out to Tom Chenette to see if he is able to assist.

Cherilyn reminded the SB about **RMS** (Robert Turner Road Maintenance System). The **MRGP** deadline is coming up and she wants to be sure that there is not an expense missed. Rae & Tom discussed meeting with Martin on the RMS, it needs to be put into place.

6:50 **Executive Session:** John made the motion to go into executive session finding that premature general public knowledge would clearly place the Select Board at a substantial disadvantage, due to attorney-client communications made for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the Select Board as per Title 1, Section 313(a)(1)(F). Tom seconded. All were in favor.

Tom made the motion to come **out of executive session** at 8:11 PM. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

Rae **motioned:** to hereby move that the Town consent to the settlement of the Cheney Vs Town of Moretown lawsuit, as recommended by the Vermont League's Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund, with the understanding the Town's financial contribution is limited to the Town's deductible.

**New Business:** Quick discussion was had on John as the Tree Warden will reach out to Martin about the over-growth in the sand pit area.

**Warrants** signed and approved:

Payroll 21029 e-checks 3717-3726  
Accounts Payable 21030 checks 22405-22447

Curb cut approved for Matthew Holland.

**Adjourn:** Tom made the motion to adjourn at 8:25 PM. Don seconded. All were in favor.