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**Town of Moretown Select Board Meeting**  
**January 3, 2022 at 6:00 PM**  
**79 School Street**  
**In the John Hoogenboom Meeting Room**  
**Via ZOOM Meeting ID 620 104 2716 or call in: 929-205-6099**

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

**Guests Present:** Cherilyn Brown, Stefan Pratt, MRVT – Robert Perry, Cory Stephenson, Clark Amadon, Diana Costello, Michelle Beard, Deborah Feldman, Jamie Wimble, Denise Gabaree, Jennifer Hill, Megan Schultz, Alison Dellner, Sasha Elwell-Badore

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

**Public Comment:** there was none

6:01 **2022 Budget:** Cherilyn was present to go over more of the budget.

Stefan was present to speak with the SB regarding purchasing a laptop for all of the different positions he fills. Between the fire department, fire warden, highway (Robert Turner software), and now the E911 (most of which is done online). He advised that the desk top computer at the fire station is pretty dated and he has even purchased on his own some programs for that computer. It was agreed by the SB that it would be a wise purchase, keeping all of the records in one spot and also so Stefan is not using his own personal laptop.

Select Board pay was briefly discussed and Tom knows that Duxbury gets paid \$1,500. Sasha will check around with the other towns. This was tabled until the next meeting.

The match for the town on the stormwater project is just under \$700 so it was agreed that \$1,000 would be a good amount to put there. Rae thinks that the project should be taking off in 2022 when school ends, it should be going out to bid while it's still winter. Cherilyn is waiting on the final detail of the grant and she will let Rae know when that happens so that an RFP can be advertised.

Tom spoke about raises for everyone, since the SB agreed on the 7% and Stefan being adjusted to a "market" wage, there may be more discussion on the librarian pay.

Cherilyn had spoken to Mari from the Duxbury SB and they would like to push their payment deadline out to July 15, they are now on a fiscal year. SB was fine with that as long as the amount is paid.

The cemetery is asking for \$800 for stone cleaning, but there is more than enough money in the cemetery perpetual fund to cover that. Sasha will contact Mary and get her thoughts.

**6:30 Vote to mail early/absentee ballots to all registered voters without requiring a voter request:** Cherilyn spoke about the vocational vote that has been brought to her attention. The Vocation program that HUUSD students participate in, are trying to pass a vote to pull out of the district. This will be a separate vote and would not be able to be sent along

with the town ballot automatically – unless the school board decides to and that meeting is Jan 12. Cherilyn has reached out to Michelle Baker and someone will reach out to Kristen & Lisa about it. Rae made the motion to mail out ballots to all active registered voters. John seconded. There was more discussion, \$2,600 will be added to the election budget for this purpose. The motion passed 4 to 1 – Don opposed.

6:45: **Library / Town Hall Committee** was present to discuss the next steps. Jamie was present to advocate to continue with keeping the library in the town hall. Jennifer has seen first hand how successful the library has been in the town hall. Don brought up an agreement between the library and town. They would like to have a question on the ballot regarding what to do next, the future of the library and town hall. Tom reminded them that the library is a town library, they are not separate. The town invited the library to the town hall, there is no reason for an agreement when they are part of the town. It was thought that the library / town hall committee was working on prices for getting the ADA compliance up to code, as well as the other improvements. The committee needs to show what it is that they envision and have a proposal showing the costs. The voters cannot vote on an article that they have no information on. The town supports the library being in the town hall. John reminded everyone that originally it was to be temporary, and then Covid hit. Things have changed. The town's people need to see the scope of the project, and what are the costs to the voters. John loves seeing what has been happening with the library being in the town hall. Rae would like to see some numbers and an estimate to bring the town hall up to code compliant first, and then decide if the library will still be there. Tom thinks that it is working well, it should be discussed at town meeting and then it could be voted on in November. Cory would like clarification on roles and responsibilities, it would be helpful. Tom asked that Cory come up with an idea and bring a plan back to the SB for approval. Don, Cory and Cherilyn could work on simplifying key contacts.

7:50 **Reports & Communications:** The SOV needs a copy of SB minutes with a motion to officially appoint Stefan to the E911 position. Tom so moved. John seconded. All were in favor.

The website proposal was brought up and Tom asked that Sasha contact another company to see what they could quote.

NorthStar Fireworks is having a promo if they receive payment by Jan 15. SB agreed that it should be pursued and Sasha will get in contact with Lee Anne and Lindsay on the Morefest Committee.

Sasha asked the SB to consider adding town meeting as a holiday, the SOV has it on their list. All agreed that it would be fair. So approved to add it to the list of holidays.

Rae advised that he has been working on an RFP for the Fletcher Road Bridge repair. He also spoke with Clark Amadon on the wastewater and the two of them are hoping to have a committee formed by the end of January.

Rae had received the quote from E.F. Wall and it was a bit of a shock. The quote was for the condensation issue at the town garage, \$70,000.

Don brought up the 5<sup>th</sup> Monday meeting, John said that January has five, it may be late for this month. Don would like to discuss further a plan to move the town garage and gravel pit, rather

than putting \$100,000 into the budget for the repair on the town garage. Maybe it should be another town meeting discussion.

Don brought up the war memorial, still wondering if there may be funding out there from the VFW or the VA.

Tom advised that the Planning Commission is planning on attending the next SB meeting, with their thoughts on the ARPA funds. John mentioned the Finance Review Committee, he will be in touch with Bob Holden and Jason Aronowitz regarding the subject.

John made the motion to accept the **SB minutes of 12/20/2021**. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

8:09 **Old Business:** there was none

8:10 **New Business:** there was none

**Warrants** signed and approved:

**Payroll** 22001 e-checks 3855-3865

**Accounts Payable** 21056 checks 22833-22848

**Liquor licenses** for Jolley and Bliss Bar were both approved and signed.

**Adjourn:** Tom made the motion to adjourn at 8:15 PM. Rae seconded. All were in favor.