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**Moretown Select Board Meeting  
June 20, 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 Streater, Don Wexler

**Guests Present:** ORCA, Chuck Burt, Martin Cameron, Donald Smith, John Riley, Tracy Doherty, George Welles, Mike Brignano, Travis Blodgett, Stefan Pratt, Denise McCarty, David Stapleton, Sasha Elwell

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

**Public Comment** Travis inquired about the sheriff's department and Tom let him know that the town has been contacted by them, they will be invited to a future SB meeting.

Donald Smith was present to complain about an event that happened with the excavator operator the previous week, on the Moretown Mountain Road. Tom advised that the SB would be going into executive session later in the meeting to discuss this further.

6:15 **CV Fiber** – Chuck was present to answer any questions that the SB had regarding the funds they have asked for. The ARPA Advisory Committee recommended a donation of \$50,000 so that CV Fiber will have the match of funds from the Vt Community Broadband Board. Tom read aloud the following letter:

Jerry Diamantides, Chair  
CVFiber Governing Board  
29 Main Street, Suite 4  
Montpelier, VT 0602

June 20, 2022

Dear Mr. Diamantides,

At its duly warned meeting of June 20, 2022, the Town of Moretown Select Board, committed \$50,000 of the funds it has received or will receive through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to CVFiber, the Communications Union District of which Moretown is a municipal member, for purposes of constructing a high-speed fiber optic communications network that will be available to serve municipal, commercial and private premises in the Town of Moretown, on the understanding that:

- 1) Moretown donation of \$50,000 will be matched by a \$50,000 grant from Vt Community Broadband Board;
- 2) that the \$100,000 thereby accrued will be spent in the Town of Moretown to defray part of the cost of the fiber optic build-out in Moretown;

- 3) that CVFiber will consult with the Town of Moretown to determine how best to apply these funds within the town.

We await information from CVFiber as to the form and content of a Memo of Understanding or Contract between CVFiber and the Town respecting the terms and conditions of this donation.

Tom so moved. John seconded. All were in favor.

**Friends of the Library** requested postponing – They would like to come to a July SB meeting

**6:25 Road Maintenance Permit Discussion** – Tracy & George were present to speak with the SB regarding the Road Maintenance Permit that they submitted to the town a couple of months ago. They were wondering if there were issues and if so, they wanted an update. After a discussion was had, a plan was put in place for Rae, Martin and the land owners that are affected on the Cobb Hill Road/LT portion. Tracy & George are willing to work with their neighbors on the improvements to the Legal Trail, keeping in mind safety and following with the regulations that are in place. The meeting will take place Tuesday morning at 7:00 AM. David was planning on attending, just as a learning experience, not as a representative as the PC.

After putting more thought into the Class IV Road and Legal Trails committee, both Rae and John decided that it would be overkill. Between the SB, DRB and PC – there should be enough diverse minds to cover the discussions needed to improve these issues that are arising.

**6:53 Development Review Board** – John Riley was present to be a resource and discuss some of the issues that have arisen, such as building/developing on Class IV Road or Legal Trails. It was agreed that the SB, DRB and PC should come together to figure out clearer policies and how to move forward.

John let the SB know that there needs to be someone appointed as zoning interim until the new hire is able to start. There are a few permits that have been submitted to the town, some are pretty cut -n- dry, easy ones. John is willing to assist with them, but he would rather not be appointed. Being that it could force him to recuse himself if any of the permits were put in front of the DRB. John Hoogenboom **made the motion to appoint Tom Martin** to the **zoning interim administrator**, until Karen Sauther is able to start. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

**7:16 Town Hall Review** – Don said that the Town Hall / Library Committee has not met since February this year. He sent the RFP out to seven (7) different architectural firms and is anticipating bids back from two (2) to three (3) of them. The next step is figuring out where the funds should be coming from, applying for grants – he plans on meeting with Cherilyn. The hope is that the firms will listen to everyone's input and come up with three different scenarios/suggestions for the town hall.

Don gave a draft of the management plan to the SB members to go over and perhaps be able to discuss it at the next meeting. He let the SB know that there is still an issue with the door and it should be addressed. It was agreed that it should not be held off. Don inquired about anyone knowing where the septic and well water are at the town hall and there was quick discussion on it.

7:30 **Reports & Communications** Sasha let the SB know she contacted Ron Shems on the wording to warn a public hearing for the Animal Control Ordinance and he is also working on the wording for the hearing for the zoning regulations update.

Sasha brought up pressure washing the town office, someone else suggested the town hall as well. Stefan is willing to assist with both of those.

The town received notice that the speed limit hearing went well and the SOV has lowered the speed limit on Route 2 near Gallagher Acres to 35 MPH.

John was able to reach Frank Piazza regarding the cedar hedges needing to be trimmed in the town ROW on Hurdle Road. He told John that he would take care of it, Tom suggested to Martin giving Frank a week – if it's not done, to go ahead and trim them.

Don spoke briefly about the changes to some statutes that the SB was told about a couple of weeks ago. He brought up the SB having more authority to lower speeds on dirt roads. He saw a sign that he liked and suggested maybe using something similar. "All in favor of slower speeds, raise your foot". Don and John are meeting with the SOV regarding the radar signs and crosswalks in town on Thursday. Rae brought up the possible purchase of mobile signs – Sasha obtained a few quotes from Work Safe.

There has been a camper parked at the pull off near the dam/canoe portal for about a month now. There was quick discussion on it, Tom asked that Sasha look into what is going on with it. Contact the VSP and explore any options there may be available for veterans.

**Old Business:** There is nothing new with the website, Tom would like that project figured out and work started on it by August. The Stormwater: Rae is in hopes that it can be scheduled for work to be done in May 2023.

**New Business:** Martin had an inquiry regarding an additional culvert at the top of Lynch Hill. There was quick discussion on whether or not there should be another culvert installed, with the history of them failing and filling up, it was agreed not to put in another one.

Martin brought up the two roads (Lynch Hill and Brownsville) where the grant work was done a few years back on them. Both are in need of having those sections graded, they have developed divots from tire tracks. Martin asked for permission to go ahead and add some material and grade those areas to preserve the investment. The SB agreed that it should be done.

Martin brought up to the SB how backed up orders for equipment are right now, cab & chassis in particular, if the town were to order one now – delivery wouldn't be until 2024. He spoke with two companies and they are in agreement of placing the order for one, with the understanding that purchasing will hinge on voter approval. Purchase price at this time would be \$227,000 before any trade in. The 2018 dump truck has been in the shop due to having a cracked head, for a month now. This part is under warranty and the town is about 28<sup>th</sup> in line for the part when it is available.

**Warrants** signed and approved

Payroll 22024 e-checks 3988-3996 and check # 23166

Accounts Payable 22023 check # 23126-23165

Tom made the motion to go into **executive session** at 8:25 PM, under the provision of Title 1, Section 313 (a)(1)(B). Rae seconded. All were in favor.

Rae made the motion to leave **executive session** at 8:46 PM. John seconded. All were in favor. There was no action taken.

**Adjourn:** Rae made the motion to adjourn at 8:52 PM. Callie seconded. All were in favor.