
**Moretown Select Board Meeting
October 17, 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**

Members Present: Tom Martin, Rae Washburn, Don Wexler, not present John Hoogenboom, Callie Streeter

Guests: ORCA, Stefan Pratt, Dexter Lafavour, Sasha Elwell

Public Comment: Dexter was present to introduce himself as a candidate running for State Senate. The SB asked a few questions and there was quick discussion.

6:10 Renewing Employee Health Insurance John had a chance to look over the renewal information after the last SB meeting. Tom made the motion to renew the current health insurance policy Blue Edge Business CDHP1. Rae seconded. All were in favor.

6:13 Budget – Stefan was present to go over the numbers on the FD budget. Quick discussion was had on the red light in front of the fire station, it is there in recognition of fallen fire fighters for the month of October. Discussion was had on the purchase of the fire truck, since it is the biggest town purchase – the SB would like to have a pre-bid meeting with the companies that have put in quotes on the purchase of a new fire truck, depending on the article passing in November.

Discussion was also had on Stefan composing a report for the end of the year, in regards to the calls he takes for the ACO position. Just so all are aware of how active the job is and can be.

Stefan advised the SB that Mark Podgwaite with the Waterbury Ambulance passed away unexpectedly last week during surgery. He had just been to a recent SB meeting talking about their new building. The town will send the family condolences.

6:50 Reports & Communications – an email was received from Deborah Feldman regarding the lack of a stop sign at the four-way intersection by her house on Farnham Road. The SB had quick discussion about it and decided that it would be a good idea to place one there. Martin will be contacted regarding this.

There was a call with concerns on the speed limit on Route 2 where the new pavement was just laid. It is the section that is just after the portion of road that the speed limit was just lowered, near 802 and 804 Route 2 (near the Boys Scouts building). Sasha will contact Brey Meyers regarding this issue. Don has made note of it as well so that when he and John have a meeting with Joyce Manchester they can let her know about.

Bids for oil, propane and sand were briefly discussed, with these prices going up so much. These expenses have sky rocketed over the last two years. Sasha will call around to some other towns to see what they are doing.

Tom mentioned an email that he had received from Dan Zucker and having an issue with a bordering neighbor having moved one of his property pins. Quick discussion was had on the town getting involved with such a situation and it was decided that it is best to leave for the land owners to resolve. There are statutes in place with fines involved, to protect the land owner.

Rae **made the motion to approve the SB minutes of 10/03/2022**. Don seconded. All were in favor.

7:05 **Old Business:** Rae spoke briefly about a spreadsheet he had from the ARPA Committee, he wanted all to have it so it can be thought about for upcoming meetings. Tom wants to find out what other area towns are doing, so as to find out that Moretown won't be the only ones contributing to certain organizations.

Tom advised that there is nothing new with the Frank Piazza property, the town attorney is working on it.

Quick discussion was had on the affordable housing issue. Tom said that he had done some research, and there are grants out there for people. Maybe they just aren't aware of it, maybe the town could help educate people on where to find these funds. More discussion needs to be had as far as what the town can do to help people. Possible thoughts are for the AirBNB industry to have extra taxes to help counter balance. Don suggested reaching out to Amy Tomasso, she is with the Mad River Valley Planning District.

Quick discussion was had on the road crew schedule and when they are planning on going back to five – eight-hour days vs the 4 – ten-hour days. Rae will call Martin on Tuesday.

7:23 **New Business:** the Planning Commission public hearing will be scheduled for the second meeting in November – this will be on the amended zoning regulations, so that it can be put on the ballot for town meeting in March.

Warrant: Payroll 22041 e-checks 4077 – 4087 approved and signed.

Adjourn: Tom made the motion to adjourn at 7:28 PM. Rae seconded. All were in favor.