
**Moretown Select Board Meeting
February 6, 2023 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, John Hoogenboom, Rae Washburn, Don Wexler, Callie Streeter

Guests Present: MRVTV, Mike Lechliter, Kristen Rodgers, Melanie Grubman, Craig Oshkello, Clark Amadon, Dan Mitchell, Deborah Feldman, Lise Wexler, Ron Shems, Amos Horn, Dara Torre, Maxine Grad, Elizabeth Burt, Louisa Wilson, Beth Meyer, Carla Lewis, Karen Sharpwolf, Chris Stephenson, Susan Werntgen, Peter Hourihan, Cory Stephenson, Jacob Meyer, Jennifer Hill, Nicole Melone, Sasha Elwell

Meeting called to order by Tom at 6:00 PM

Public Comment: there was none

6:01 **HUUSD Superintendent** – Mike Lechliter was present to introduce himself and give the SB an update. He went over results of the **survey** that was done before he was hired on.

"Needs": school climate; academics/student support; facility needs; school consolidation (pro's & con's); finances; enrollment concerns; wage/benefits and Covid-19.

Strengths: students – student opportunities; parents – caring teachers/staff; faculty/staff – caring teachers/staff and community – caring teachers/staff.

Kristen is really excited about Mike being here, the relationships among the school board has a different feel.

6:10 **Pedestrian Concerns:** Melanie was present to speak with the SB on two issues. She voiced continued concerns of pedestrian safety. She walks her kids to school a few days a week and wants to be involved with safety of it. The SB assured her that there are some issues that they are currently working on with speed. She also wanted to bring to the attention of the SB the safety concerns coming off of Freeman Hill Road onto Route 100B. She acknowledged the blasting of the ledge that was done years ago, but would like to know if there is more that could be done. A suggestion was a mirror or a blinking light, and John having prior experience with this question on other roads, he let her know that that is not something that the SOV is willing to do. He also advised that at the time, blasting the ledge was the only solution. She brought up there being a different land owner next to Freeman Hill now, (verses years ago when the ledge was addressed), wondering if an easement from the new land owners would be an approachable thing. The SB will look further into this concern and put it under pending old business on the SB agendas. Melanie will check back in with the town.

6:30 Town Hall / Library Project: John thanked the committee for their patience. He believes there is a great future there with the library being in the town hall. There were a lot of people present, in support of the library being in the town hall permanently. A few points brought up were having a bathroom and safer parking for patrons. There was appreciation voiced in being able to see the inside of the town hall and to enjoy the building, the post office downstairs, the curtains and benches.

John **made the motion to recognize the library as a permanent part of the town hall.** Callie seconded. All were in favor.

6:45 Reports & Communications: Rae attended the hearing for Frank Piazza earlier in the day, Frank did not show up. The Judge is holding him in contempt of court, there has been no compliance. The Judge issued a new order as of that day (2/6). Once the court issues it and Frank is served, if there is nothing done within five days, he will be charged \$500 per day until he gets into compliance.

Rae let the SB know that the bid for the parking lot project is due next Tuesday, February 16th at 1:00 PM. Once Rae's SB term is up, he plans on continuing on with this project.

There was discussion on the Stantec change order for the next sidewalk project, it has gone over budget. The ROW's have been more extensive than anticipated and that is some of the reasoning for the overage. Rae is going to speak with them more in depth. The order was not signed.

Dara stopped by to support the library and the meeting was ahead of schedule. She touched base with the SB on her new position in legislature.

Callie brought up sending out a reminder to people that plow and push snow across the travelled highway. It is dangerous and there is a statute that allows for up to a \$1,000 fine. Tom will get with Sasha and send out a FPF post.

Quick discussion was had on the Pony Farm Road issue with parking at the corner of Route 100B. The suggestion was discussed about having the residents into a SB meeting so that clarification on this can be addressed. There is concern of a snow plow not being able to stop coming down Pony Farm Road and hitting one of the cars parked there.

Don brought up the Public Forum and letting Callie know that she was volunteered to organize it. Callie thinks that when the wastewater project is further along, then would be a good time to have one.

Tom spoke about asking for quarterly reports regarding the ACO. Being that the position is paid more than it used to be, having something to back up what is being done would be a good thing.

Rae **made the motion to approve the SB minutes** of 01/17/2023. John seconded. Discussion was had on the bottom of page two, John wanted to clarify that Moretown is no

longer in danger of being closed. All were in favor. John **made the motion to approve the SB minutes** of 01/30/2023. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

Old Business: ACO ordinance – Sasha will reforward that onto the SB and copy in Stefan

New Business: there was none

Warrants and documents to approve

Payroll 23005 e-checks 4171 – 4180

Payroll 23006 e-checks 4182 – 4192

Accounts Payable 23007 Check # 23684 – 23714

Montpelier Ambulance contract; Annual CAI contract – both items in the budget

Town Road & Bridge Standards (Annual), Financial Plan – to the SOV

Road Maintenance Permit for Herring Brook Road

VIA contract for the town hall project

North Moretown Scoping Study (sidewalk) contract

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