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**Moretown Select Board Meeting  
April 3, 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**

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**Members Present:** Tom Martin, John Hoogenboom, Callie Streeter, Don Wexler, Robin Campbell

**Guests Present:** MRVTV, Martin Cameron, Stefan Pratt, Clark Amadon, Doug Reed, Sasha Elwell

**Meeting called to order** by Tom at 6:05 PM

**Public Comment:** Clark was present to ask the SB for permission to have the test pits done on the town property, along with assistance from Martin to have them dug. This is part of wastewater project. Don **made the motion for the SB approval of digging test pits on town land**. Robin seconded. All were in favor.

**6:10 Sand Bids**

Adam Stone - \$6.87 per yard

Barrett Trucking - \$7.49 per yard

Donahue - \$6.00 per yard

Grandfield - \$7.00 per yard

Nick Pizzale - \$8.00 per yard

No decision was made, this will be discussed at the next SB meeting

**6:15 Equipment** – Martin let the SB know that the 2018 dump truck is back in the shop, it blew a hose in the same spot as when the head gasket went last year. It was only out of the shop for two days from the EGR cooler being replaced when the hose went. It was agreed that the check for Allegiance will be held until they adjust the invoice on this.

Martin let the SB know that Mack is not willing to give a trade-in value for the 2015 since the trade would be a year out. There was discussion on this and it was decided that Mack probably isn't the way to go on ordering a new truck. Tom **made the motion to go with the Western Star** - \$166,242 with \$53,000 trade-in with the **Viking dump body and plow set up** - \$96,870. Robin seconded. All were in favor.

Martin did some research on a new grader. Cat has one very comparable to what the town has now at \$430,000 with \$55,000 trade-in with delivery a year out. John Deere has one at \$404,000 with \$50,000 trade-in with delivery in 6-8 months. Thoughts are that the grader

should make it through the end of the summer, when it is needed most. A decision needs to be made in the next few SB meetings to get it ordered. Martin will also check into the lease option, to get the whole picture.

Martin checked further into the three front bushings for the loader and they are cheaper than anticipated originally. Each one costs about \$1,000, so re-pinning it would be between \$3,000 - \$5,000.

Discussion will be had with Cherilyn to see where we are at with the ARPA funds.

Martin let the SB know that the Northfield road foreman called and would like permission to put a sign at the top of the Mountain Road warning of the covered bridges. They have had a few incidents with tractor trailers. The SB thought that would be fine.

Martin mentioned a culvert issue on the Moretown Common Road, it was roughly two-feet around and about eight-feet deep. He was able to get it filled and will be keeping an eye on it.

Discussion was had on the road crew and when four-ten hour days would work best and get it put into the policy so that it isn't something that needs to be discussed every year. It was decided that May 1<sup>st</sup> through October 1<sup>st</sup> would work fine.

7:05 **Amphitheater Discussion** – Doug was present to discuss with the SB for clarification on “who has the right to do things”...He asked that the SB allow the creation of a committee so that the amphitheater can move forward. Tom **made the motion to support a committee to work on the amphitheater**. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

7:30 **Policies** – discussion was had on holiday pay in **section 6** of the personnel policy. It was agreed to change it to say:

*Regular work hours for the road crew shall be 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup>. May 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>, will be four ten-hour days consisting of 6:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with a half an hour allowed for lunch, unless the road foreman and the Select Board agree otherwise.*

And then discussion was had on **section 18** and it was agreed to change it to say:

*Holidays that fall during an employee's vacation leave will not be charged as vacation leave.*

*Holidays falling on a Saturday will be observed the preceding Friday. Holidays falling on a Sunday will be observed the following Monday.*

*A non-exempt employee who is required to work on a holiday will be compensated at the rate of one and one-half times the employee's regular rate of pay, in addition to the regular holiday pay compensation for the actual hours worked.*

*If a non-exempt employee is not required to work on a holiday, hours paid for the holiday will be counted as hours worked when determining overtime compensation.*

Tom **made the motion to accept the changes in the policy as discussed**. Robin seconded. All were in favor.

**Reports & Communications:** Pike let the town know that the River Road Paving is on their schedule for May 1<sup>st</sup>.

The PDF editing program that Karen Sauther asked the SB about is \$200 per year, per computer. The SB agreed that it would be fine to go ahead and purchase it.

ACO will be discussed at the next SB meeting.

Tom met with Ron Shems and Dick Valentinetti earlier in the day regarding the Frank Piazza Health Order that has gone to the SOV. There are a few different scenarios that could be pursued with the situation at this point. With the town's interest in keeping the tenants in the building, Robin **made the motion for Tom to go speak with Frank about options of having help applying for grants**. John seconded. All were in favor. The SB has been trying to stay away from condemning the building because it just pushes the tenants out on the street. A tax sale pushes the process out another year and still doesn't help the tenants.

**Old Business:** Don composed a letter for grants showing the SB support of improvements to the town hall. Letter was approved.

John **made the motion to approve the SB minutes** of 3/20/2023. Robin seconded. All were in favor.

**New Business:** there was none

**Warrants** signed and approved:

Accounts payable 23015 checks 23777 – 23821

Payroll 23016 e-checks 4228 – 4237 and checks 23822 - 23823

Accounts payable 23017 checks 23825 – 23842

**Adjourn:** Tom **made the motion to adjourn** at 8:38 PM. Callie seconded. All were in favor.