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**Moretown Select Board Meeting  
September 18, 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, Don Wexler, Robin Campbell, not present  
Callie Streeter

**Guests:** MRVTV, ORCA, Colin Nohl, Clark Amadon, Caitlin Cusack – Vt Land Trust, Sasha Elwell

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

**Public Comment:** Colin was present to see if there are any updates on the repairs to  
Brownsville Road since the storm damage. Tom will have Rae or Martin contact Colin.

**Reports & Communications:** (being ahead of schedule, started R & C)

Sasha let the SB know that the removal of the tree on the Martin property on the Moretown  
Mountain Road is scheduled for October 10<sup>th</sup>.

Robin wanted the SB minutes from 09/05/2023 to state that \$2,500 was for the survey and the  
some of the remainder would go towards the October event.

**Wastewater Update:** Clark joined the meeting at 6:05, he advised that Caitlin with the  
Vermont Land Trust might be joining as well. Clark mentioned the Otter Creek invoice will be in  
the warrant for the SB to approve, the town will be reimbursed for it. He asked that they sign  
and approve it. He also let the SB know there will be another invoice coming from Otter Creek  
for \$900 and he will send that along to Tom and Cherilyn. Caitlin from VLT joined the meeting,  
she is a forester that has been involved with the town forest management. There was  
discussion on the test pits being done in the easement on town property off of South Hill Road.  
There is another parcel on Route 100B that could be a possibility. SB agreed that Clark should  
continue on with exploring options. Clark was hoping that the test pits would be done before  
now and that information would be able to be given to the Moretown residents, but it's looking  
like it will be winter or town meeting before that can be done.

**Reports & Communications** continued: Don sent an email with an update on the sidewalk  
scoping study for Sasha to forward onto the rest of the SB. There are thoughts of having an  
alternatives meeting on November 6<sup>th</sup>, to show two different sidewalk sizes.

Don advised that the signatures are being collected for the two letters from the Road Safety  
Committee. One letter is for changing the speed limit in the area of Route 2 from the landfill to  
Gallagher Acres to Route 100. And the other letter is for Route 100B from Steven's Brook Road  
through the village to Route 100. Tom suggested accompanying the data obtained from the  
speed limit trailer, when the letters are submitted to the SOV.

The town hall committee is planning a small energy fair/open house at the town hall on October 14<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM. There will be Moretown folks there with food as well.

Don is hoping to have the two RFP's gone over before the next SB meeting, he said that it will be in the range of \$7,000.

The SB wanted to thank Dan McHugh for his continued efforts in making sure that the flags throughout the village are put up every summer.

Don asked if there has been any update on the Frank Piazza apartments. Tom will be reaching out to Ron. There has been no luck with a contractor yet. The town has to ask the court to mandate the fines.

Quick discussion was had on a meeting with the PC and DRB brainstorming on the legal trails, Don just wanted to bring it up again. Tom will be speaking with David Stapleton and will mention it. He advised that it will probably only be the SB and PC since the DRB ends up being the "judge" on things, they probably shouldn't be involved with making the rules.

Tom asked that Sasha send the ZA job description over to David Stapleton. Karen's last day is coming up next Tuesday. Robin will set up a time with Karen to see where things are at with her and permits.

Tom advised that he spoke with Karen regarding the Barrs that were at one of the recent SB meetings and they are included in the next DRB hearing scheduled for next week. There was brief discussion had.

Tom thanked Sasha for contacting the SOV, he has concerns about the drains in the village possibly being plugged, they have weeds growing around them and are in need of some attention. While on the subject of contacting the SOV Don mentioned that there is a washout on Route 100B between both entrances of Hurdle Road, on the river side. Sasha will contact Michelle Redmond on this as well.

Morefest was quickly discussed, it was well done. The Morefest Committee will be coming into a SB meeting to discuss guidelines for the future.

John mentioned a phone call from Guy Martin, he is upset that he is unable to get to his camp. John thinks that the SB needs to do something so that Guy can get to his property. Tom will speak with Martin Cameron as to when he can get up there and cut trees. After more discussion Tom and John agreed to go with Martin so that it is done from the survey.

John spoke with Chris Costello at Morefest, he has some concerns about the intersection of the Moretown Mountain Road and Moretown Common Road. Wondering if the town would consider replacing the yield sign with a stop sign. The SB agreed that it should be a stop sign, it will be mentioned to Martin as well.

SB minutes of 09/05/2023 were discussed, on page 2 in the first paragraph Robin wanted the wording to say \$2,500 of the MERP grant would go towards the survey and the remainder to go towards the October event. John mentioned the letters are for Route 2 and Route 100, there is nothing on the dirt roads mentioned yet. Robin **made the motion** to approve the SB minutes of 09/05/2023 as changed. John seconded. All were in favor.

7:11 **Old Business:** quick discussion was had on the parking issue at the end of Pony Farm Road. Don will stop again and ask them to a SB meeting or Sasha will send them a letter with the request.

Tom spoke to Martin and the 2018 is back in the shop, another head gasket is gone.

7:16 **New Business:** there was none

**Errors & Omissions:** Schmalz Family Trust, 408-127-10678 changed from 411,900 to 496,600 with a difference of 84,700 contiguous with span 408-127-10628; Schmalz Family Trust, 408-127-10628 changed from 112.100 to zero with a difference of -112,100 contiguous to span 408-127-10678 this parcel is now inactive; Michael Dimotsis & Jane Gomez, 408-127-10188 changed from 167,700 to 171,100 with a difference of 3,400 tax map update to add .6 ac, parcel now 3.9 ac.

**Warrants** signed and approved:

Accounts Payable 23041 checks 24194 – 24195

Payroll 23042 e – checks 4354 – 4362

Accounts Payable 23043 checks 24196 – 24231

**Adjourn:** Tom **made the motion** to adjourn at 7:21 PM. Don seconded. All were in favor.