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**Moretown Select Board Meeting**  
**January 2, 2024 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:** MRVTV, David Stapleton, Deborah Carroll, Nicole Melone, Amy Tomasso, Susan Wentgen, Bill Rossmassler, Steven Reissig, Brian Voigt, Ben Falk, Michelle Beard, Carol Chamberlin, Ray Daigle, Kaila Summers, Richard Valentinetti, Cherilyn Brown, Dave Marshall, Andres Torizzo, Sam Rosenberg, Sasha Elwell

**Meeting called to order** by Tom at 6:02 PM

**Public Comment:** Nicole was checking in with the SB regarding the health order situation to see what is going on with it. Tom advised that it would be discussed later in the meeting and the SB would be going into Executive Session to discuss it.

Ben was present to ask questions about the flooding that happened on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

Michelle and Susan were present with concerns on the flooding as well.

**6:17 FEMA Engineering Bids –**

Damage 1356922 – Otter Creek \$29,500 – Dubois & King \$40,000 (Ward Brook)

Tom **made the motion** to recommend Otter Creek. John seconded. All were in favor.

Damage 1356923 – Otter Creek \$29,500 – Dubois & King \$40,000 (Ward Brook)

Tom **made the motion** to recommend Otter Creek. John seconded. All were in favor.

Damage 1356921 – Otter Creek \$55,500 – Dubois & King \$46,250 (Jones Brook)

Tom **made the motion** to recommend Dubois & King. John seconded. All were in favor.

Damage 1356921 – Otter Creek \$55,500 – Dubois & King \$67,700 (Lover's Lane)

Tom **made the motion** to recommend Otter Creek. John seconded. All were in favor.

**6:23 Neighborhood Development Area** – David S and Amy were present to let the SB know about the program – it helps Vermonters build more homes in central, walkable places. One benefit to this program would be unlocking more funds for wastewater. The Planning Commission would be the one to apply. The area that is being looked at is North Moretown and partnering with Duxbury and Waterbury are what they are planning. They are in the beginning stages and if the SB is willing, they will have meetings with the two other towns. The SB unanimously agreed for the PC to go ahead with this project.

6:45 **CVRPC Stormwater Maintenance & Discussion** - Andres gave a bit of the history of this project so that it was clear where the project was taking place. It was something that was started back in 2017, the purpose for this project was to manage phosphorus run off. The treatment system is mostly by the town offices and the other areas were just sand filters to help with the roof run off, as well as add to other catch basins. Maintenance on this project is key for it to work properly. After further discussion it was agreed by all that HUUSD and the town will share the maintenance duties of this project. Going forward checking on the function of the system will be performed in the spring and fall. Brian gave a map shaded in blue and orange showing the school vs. town duties to the SB (blue aka MES, sand filters and orange aka town, parking lot and rec fields). A copy of the map will be kept on file at the town office for reference. The sand filters need to be kept an eye on, just to be sure that the water is discharging and if need be, just rake it. The manhole cover should be taken off and inspected, utilizing a vac truck as needed. The vegetation should have an eye kept on it, and replace anything that dies off or needs attention, as well as the inlet and outlets inspection for erosion. There were some additional cost with this project, Brian worked on getting additional help with it. He secured another \$21K to assist in the offset of the extra work that needed to be done. The remainder of the costs will be split between HUUSD and the town, Ray Daigle with HUUSD agreed to this. The school will be invoiced for half of the amount billed.

7:30 **2024 Budget** – Cherilyn was present to go over the rest of the budget, all of the numbers were input expect payroll, awaiting the SB direction. There was discussion had on town events and Tom advised that the Morefest Committee will be at the next meeting. The Waterbury Ambulance prices per capita went up for 2024, to \$9,975. Tom asked that Cherilyn gather all of the town share of grants that are coming up so that those figures can be included in the budget as well. The budget should be wrapped up at the next SB meeting. Cherilyn brought up the Hazard Mitigation and something to think about as this proceeds is the grand list will be losing over a million dollars, therefore the town will be losing out on roughly \$50k in collected tax money. Tom let everyone know that Senator Welch contacted him and wanted to know what his office could do to help the town, due to the flooding that hit us. Tom would like all to think about this and perhaps a representative from Welch’s office could come to a meeting, maybe in six or so weeks. A few things that were listed off were, dredging rivers, redo the Lover’s Lane bridge, storm mitigation, the effects of the Hazard Mitigation...

Quick discussion was had on raises and the as of that day, the federal COL was 5.2%. Tom would like to be sure that all employees are met with after Town Meeting, evaluations have not been done.

Tom had spoken with Dave Stapleton regarding the Town Plan. Carol Chamberlin has the experience and has worked on the Fayston Town Plan, having her expertise in this could potentially save the town from hiring a consulting firm, therefore easing the result of not securing the grant that the PC applied for. Carol’s hours would need to be kept under 23 hours a week, but having her work with the PC on this, it would keep the Town Plan moving forward.

8:00 **Reports & Communications:** there was an email from Jeb Bouchard regarding using the town office meeting room once a month for 20-25 people. It was agreed that the town hall would be a better fit for that, Sasha will reach out to her to let her know.

The bump on Route 100B near Maynard's was brought up again, Sasha will reach out to Michelle Redmond with District 6 again regarding this so that maybe it can be addressed in the spring. The SB also wanted to see if she would perhaps come to a meeting so they could speak with her on a few other items that need attention.

Tom let everyone know that the road crew worked a lot of extra hours over the weekend, keeping the new grader going for 24-hours working the rough roads. Three guys did three shifts Saturday, running the grader from 3:00 am to 3:00 am Sunday. Tom thanked them for their extra efforts.

8:14 **Old Business:** Tom **made the motion** to go into Executive Session per 1 V.S.A. Section 313 (a)(1)(E). Callie seconded. All were in favor. Dick Valentinetti was invited to stay.

8:50 PM Tom **made the motion** to exit Executive Session. Callie seconded. All were in favor. John **made the motion** to move forward with the property in town, on all aspects of the court order. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

8:55 **New Business:** John spoke briefly about the Finance Review Committee being down two people. He would like to have it posted on FPF that the committee is looking for two members.

**Warrants** signed and approved:

23054 Payroll e – checks 4414 – 4423

23055 Accounts Payable checks 24403 – 24452

23056 Payroll e – checks 4424 – 4434

23057 Accounts Payable checks 24453 – 24484

23058 Accounts Payable checks 24485 – 24508

24001 Payroll e – checks 4435 – 4444

24002 Payroll e – checks 4445 – 4448

24003 Accounts Payable checks 24509 - 24525

Washington County Sheriff Department contract signed and renewed

Adjourn: Tom **made the motion** to adjourn at 9:10 PM. Callie seconded. All were in favor.