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**Moretown Select Board Meeting  
July 1, 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 via ZOOM, Don Wexler, Robin Campbell, not present Callie Streeter

**Guests:** ORCA, John Schmeltzer, Steve Magill, Karen Horn, Johnny Summers, Howland Brown, Beki Auclair, Sasha Elwell

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

**Public Comment:** there was none

**6:03 Open Bids for Hazard Mitigation Plan:**

\$9,000 – Threat Owl

\$9,600 – SEM Solutions

\$9,256 – OPH Consulting

\$9,434 – CVRPC

The Committee will meet and have a recommendation to the SB by the next meeting on July 15<sup>th</sup>.

**6:10 Village Hill Paving Bids:** Rae Washburn’s recommendation was for JA MacDonald, the lowest bid that came in, for \$39,840. Tom **made the motion** to accept the proposal from JA MacDonald for \$39,840, for paving the Village Hill. Don seconded. All were in favor.

**6:12 Planning Commission Vacant Seat Discussion** – the SB agreed that having volunteers interested in being a part of something, should not be turned away. Because there are two people wanting to be a part of the Planning Commission there will be an alternate member appointed. Tom **made the motion** to appoint Deborah Sargent to the PC and Robert Blodgett as the alternate on the PC. Robin seconded. All were in favor.

**Joining MRVRD Discussion** – this will be tabled until the next meeting on July 15th

**6:25 Town Meeting Discussion** – Don, Steve, Karen and John S met and discussed town meeting and getting more involvement from town residents. They came up with a list of possible things that could bring in more participation. The list of ideas was gone over and discussed. Some ideas were funny and some were taken very seriously. The “Town Meeting Coffee Committee” will come back to a SB meeting in the fall and see where things are at with brainstorming and implementing the ideas.

7:05 **Hazard Mitigations Grant** – Howland and Beki were present to ask the SB for permission to go through hazard mitigation to raise their house. Tom **made the motion** to support Howland Brown and Beki Auclair’s hazard mitigation of their home at 1018 Route 100B. John seconded. All were in favor.

There was another request for the hazard mitigation from Rae Washburn and Cookie Walbridge for their home. Tom **made the motion** to support the hazard mitigation on their home as well, at 1789 Jones Brook Road. John seconded. All were in favor.

**Reports & Communications:** Sasha brought up the new Open Meeting Law, this will be discussed at another meeting after everyone has had time to read through it. Tom had asked that Sasha reach out to Neck of the Woods for an update on their progress. Betsy Jondo was travelling and said she would get back to the town in the next two weeks.

Rae recommended using Wendel Electric for the work in the parking lot. Their quote was for \$6,861 for the parking ride portion and \$20,583 for the town office/school parking lot portion. Tom **made the motion** to accept the quote for the electrical work in the parking lot from Wendel Electric. Robin seconded. All were in favor.

Cherilyn needed Tom’s approval on the Financial Management Questionnaire for the Town. Tom **moved to accept** it. Robin seconded. All were in favor. Tom signed off on it.

Discussion was had on the expenses for the 2018 International and using the Maintenance Reserve to cover the costs that were not budgeted for 2024. Tom **made the motion** to utilize the funds in the Maintenance Reserve Fund for the expenses from Allegiance for the 2018 International. John seconded. All were in favor.

Don asked if there was any news on Fox Farm Road and the culvert issues, Tom said that he would check into that.

Don asked if there was any news on the Frank Piazza situation, Tom said that he had spoken to Ron Shems earlier in the day and their office is going to find a contactor to get the inspection done so that things can move forward.

The fence between the town garage and the Reagan’s was mentioned. Sasha is still waiting on the quote from White’s fence.

Don is going to see where things are at with the Town Forest Management.

Don brought up changes to speed limits on dirt roads, since the SB now has the authority to do this, he had a suggestion for the first one to be done. Don **made the motion** to lower the speed limit on Lover’s Lane to 25 MPH. John seconded. All were in favor.

Robin **made the motion** to approve the SB minutes from 06/17/2024. John seconded. All were in favor.

Don let everyone know that he spoke with Michelle Redmond at VTrans and fixing the culvert by the Maynard’s is on their list of things to be done in August.

Tom let everyone know that there was a conversation with the road crew about them squeezing in their vacations with the construction project at the school. He said that he assured them that they will not lose their time if it comes down to it this year.

John and Ruth Hoogenboom were celebrating their 52<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary and John asked to be excused about 7:45, since documents were the last thing to be done.

**Warrants** signed and approved: Payroll 24032 e – checks 4588 – 4597; Accounts Payable 24033 checks 24903 – 24934

**Old Business:** there was none

**New Business:** there was none

**Adjourn:** Tom **made the motion** to adjourn at 7:49 PM. Don seconded. All were in favor.