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**Moretown Select Board Meeting**  
**Monday August 19, 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, Callie Streeter via ZOOM, Robin Campbell

**Guests:** ORCA, Carol Chamberlin, Bob Mays, Ellie Hilferty, Michael Geoghegan, Dennis Fekert, Sasha Elwell

Meeting was called to order by Tom at 6:03 PM

**Public Comment:** Ellie and Bob were present to speak with the SB regarding something that a few members of the Catholic Church have discovered and they are looking for assistance in digging into it. What is in question is the ownership of the Catholic Church cemetery, what they discovered was that it looks like it is in the Town's name. Tom assured them that the Town will start digging into this and figure it out, hopefully it is just a clerical error.

Dennis was present to speak with the SB about the equipment noise in the gravel pit that has been happening before 6:00 am. He is also concerned about the piles of dirt that are getting closer to the river, he just wanted to bring it to the SB attention. Quick discussion was had on the town having a "certified sight" – what used to be referred to as a stump dump.

6:18 **Interim Flood Hazard Bylaws** – Carol spoke with the SB about the Interim Flood Hazard Area Bylaws, they were updated post Tropical Storm Irene. This gives Carol authority to by-pass the DRB, as long as a permit is repairing existing footprints from the recent flooding. Tom **made the motion** to accept the Interim Flood Hazard Area Bylaws. Callie seconded. With them being adopted, a hearing can be scheduled for the next regular SB meeting in September. It will be posted in the newspaper, as well as the other designated areas. All were in favor.

Carol asked the SB about changing the **zoning fee schedule**, some things are over priced and some things are under priced. She drafted up a new schedule for the SB to look at. After they looked it over, they all agreed that it seems fair. Tom **made the motion** to accept the new zoning fee schedule. John seconded. All were in favor.

6:35 **Reports & Communications:** White's Fence got two quotes back to the town, the SB will look it over and discuss it.

There was a confidential email sent to the SB earlier in the day and Tom advised that it would be discussed in executive session.

Discussion was had on quarterly tax payments, something to think about. Making for better cash flow for the town.

Class IV & Legal Trails will be discussed at the first September meeting.

Open Meeting Law will be discussed at the first September Meeting as well.

There was no update on the Frank Piazza situation, Tom will reach out to Ron Shems.

Don let everyone know that the capital campaign that the town hall committee has been working on has raised \$40-45K. Through the Friends of the Library they are giving the Town \$30K, so that it can be tracked through the town for auditing purposes. VIA has agreed to invoice the town in increments, \$15K over four payments.

Don was asking if there has been any update on the sidewalks. Sasha let the SB know that the village sidewalk has been pushed off until next year, due to one land owner that has held up the project. Don is checking on the crosswalk for the village from the post office to the store. Don has reached out to see where things are at with the North Moretown sidewalk as well.

Don reminded everyone about the potluck at the town hall on Thursday from 5:00 – 7:00 PM, appreciation to the Road Crew and the Town workers.

Tom will get back to the person that put out a post on FPF regarding taxes.

Tom spoke with Martin and the scheduling for road maintenance is pretty tight, with winter creeping in quickly.

A letter came in to the SB regarding the culvert by Carrigan Road and their concerns. He will speak with Rae and have him take a look at it.

Don mentioned the email from Dean Moulton, so that he can follow up on it.

6:55 **Old Business:** the list was gone over and there was nothing new except that Don has not heard anything on the MERP grant, concerning the Town Garage condensation.

7:00 **New Business:** there was none

Robin **made the motion** to accept the SB minutes of 8/05/2024. John seconded. All were in favor.

Tom **made the motion** to go into Executive Session at 7:04 pm per 1 VSA Section 313 (3), no action will be taken. Robin seconded. All were in favor.

Tom **made the motion** to exit Executive Session at 7:15 pm. Robin seconded. All were in favor.

**Warrants** signed and approved: Payroll 24041 e – checks 4619 – 4628; Accounts Payable 24042 checks 25501 – 25534

Interim Flood Hazard Area Bylaws signed

**Adjourn:** Tom **made the motion** to adjourn at 7:18 pm. Robin seconded. All were in favor.