## Moretown Select Board Meeting Monday April 7, 2025 at 6:00 PM 79 School Street In the John Hoogenboom Meeting Room Via ZOOM Meeting ID 620 104 2716 call in: 929-205-6099

**Members Present**: Tom Martin, Callie Streeter, Don Wexler, Mike Brown, not present Robin Campbell

Guests Present: MRVTV, Chris Stephenson, Ron Shems, Pam Barnes, Sasha Elwell

Tom called meeting to order at 6:00 pm

**Public Comment**: Pam was present to ask the SB about appointing her as a Library Trustee. Tom **made the motion** to appoint Pam Barnes as Library Trustee. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

Carol was present to speak with the SB regarding the EWP Grant, she needed a formal motion for the go ahead. This is for the debris removal at two sites, one at the bottom of Edge Drive and one at Crossett Brook behind the Cobb Hill houses that were impacted by the flood. Tom **made the motion** to go ahead and pursue this. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

6:10 **Discussion of Pending Litigation**, Town of Moretown v. Piazza, with Ron Shems the town attorney. Tom **made the motion** to go into Executive Session per 1 V.S.A. Section 313 (a) (1). Callie seconded. All were in favor.

6:30 Tom **made the motion** to exited Executive Session. Callie seconded. All were in favor. No action was taken.

6:31 **Recreation Committee:** Chris was present to speak with the SB about the purchase of the new soccer nets. The subject had been talked about last fall when the budget was discussed and Chris now had the quote for \$2,387.99. The SB agreed to go ahead and purchase the new ones. Chris is going to speak with both Mike Strojny and Sam Rosenberg about the spot on the MRVRD, they do want the person that is appointed to start attending meetings before the fall.

6:40 **Reports & Communications**: Mark Austin sent in a letter asking to be appointed to the Cemetery Commission, he missed the deadline with his petition to get on the ballot for Town Meeting. Tom **so moved**. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

Deborah Feldman sent in a letter of interest to be appointed to the DRB as an alternate. Sasha spoke with John Riley and he would be happy to have another alternate on the board. Don **so moved**. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

The rest of the SB appointments were gone over to be sure that all of John Hoogenboom's duties have been covered. Mike Brown was appointed as Tree Warden, keeping Eric as Alternate. The Deputy Health Officer is still vacant and that needs to be worked on. Carol is going to be doing most of the website, JB is back up and Chuck will be taken off. John Lynch has shown interest in the TAC Rep position and Joyce Manchester is resigning.

Fence Viewers:	Jonathan Siegel, Rae Washburn
Agent to Convey Real Estate:	Vacant
Town Hall Rental Coordinator:	Cory Stephenson
Tree Warden:	Mike Brown, Eric Howes, Alt.
Fire Warden as appt'd by State:	Stefan Pratt
Inspector of Lumber, Shingles, Wood & Coal:	Charlie Abare Sr
Service Officer:	Vacant
Health Officer:	Richard Valentinetti
Deputy Health Officer:	Vacant
Town Attorney:	Ron Shems
Newspaper of Record:	Times Argus and/or Valley Reporter
Mad River Resource Solid Waste Alliance:	Jonathan Siegel
MRV Recreation District Board Rep:	Sam Rosenberg
Animal Control Officer:	Stefan Pratt
Zoning Administrator:	Carol Chamberlin
Website Administrator:	Carol Chamberlin / JB Weir
E-911 Coordinator:	Carol Chamberlin
Energy Coordinator:	Dara Torre
Emergency Management & Civil Defense Mgr:	Stefan Pratt
Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission:	Dara Torre, Joyce Manchester Alt.
TAC Representative for Moretown:	Dara Torre Alt.
Finance Committee:	Cherilyn Brown, Linda Hazard,
	Jason Aronowitz, Mike Brown, Mike
	DeBonis

Discussion on John's duties as laid out in the Local Emergency Management Plan were had and Mike Brown will be filling that position as well.

Callie met with the Class IV/Legal Trails Committee, it was a small group, she couldn't really put feelers out for a committee on the ATV's.

Callie mentioned that there has been some speeding issues on Jones Brook Road and Sasha will reach out to the Sheriff. (the time frame is 4:30-7:00 pm) Sasha mentioned that with the purchase of the additional speed limit signs last year, a post hole digger would be very helpful in getting them staged so that the Sheriff Department can issue more tickets. More information will be obtained on that.

Sasha will get the support letter done up for CV Fiber, as they requested.

Mike did some research on the hedges next to the Fire Station and they are the town's, so they can be trimmed. He also took a look at the Fox Farm Road situation and there are two new culverts there, but the old ones were never taken out. There is a meeting that Ray Daigle has scheduled for April 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am to discuss the drainage issue with the Beards. So, the school is handling the complaint.

Don would like to have a committee formed to watch over the building maintenances, "Facilities Committee". Don will write something up, he would like it to be focused on the overseeing of all town buildings.

Tom said that it looks like the Post Office has signed an agreement on the sidewalk.

There was quick discussion on the "emergency" repair on the Mountain Road. Sasha was told not to pay the invoice until directed to. Tom has sent a message to Martin regarding the work, he is still out. He let everyone know that the Road Crew will be doing some more work on it. Tom spoke with Rae and he needs to be put on the next agenda for a FEMA update. It looks like they are still looking at Lover's Lane and the replacement of the bridge is still looking to be the cheaper avenue.

7:20 **Old Business**: Don received the estimate from Lafond Heating and has forwarded that on for the scoping of the town garage.

Tom **made the motion** to approve the SB minutes of 3/17/2025. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

7:22 **New Business**: Tom asked that Sasha look and see when the permit for the junkyard on Route 2 was renewed because things are needing some attention over that way.

**Warrants** signed and approved: 25016 Payroll e – checks 4796 – 4805; 25017 Accounts Payable check 24168 – 26195; 25018 Payroll e – checks 4806 – 4816 and check 26196

Four liquor licenses for Bliss Ridge approved

Waterbury Fire Contract signed

Adjourn: Don made the motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm. Callie seconded. All were in favor.