
**Moretown Select Board Meeting
Monday April 21, 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, Robin Campbell

Guests Present: MRVTV, Deborah Carroll, Travis Blodgett, Rae Washburn, Garrett Bergey, Erin Affronti, Steve Rosenberg, Benjamin Clark, Everett Norton, Cory Stephenson, Sasha Elwell

Tom called meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Public Comment: Deborah voiced concerns about the trimming of the hedges between her house and the fire station. She understands they are on the town's land, just would like who does the trimming to be extra careful with the bird nests. There are a few different kinds that live there and she is concerned about that. Mike assured her that they could wait until after their eggs have hatched, before doing any trimming.

Deborah also has some concerns about a pipe that comes out between her house and the fire station as well. Since she has had water coming into her basement, a pipe has been draining in the back yard as well. It's believed that possibly there are springs that are affecting her basement and that could be impacting that pipe too. She is asking the town for assistance with figuring it out, because of the way and where it drains, it could impact the FD leach field (she did dig a ditch so that the water would divert a different way away from the FD leach field).

Deborah has spoken to Rae about the drains that are on the road in front of her house, (Route 100B) if the sidewalk was to be installed today, they would be fine. But the water pools around them and doesn't get to the drain itself and they are doing no good, they are sitting higher than the road is. Rae has put in a call to AOT to see what could be done.

There was quick discussion on the possibility of renting a camera to go up that pipe to see where it goes.

6:20 **School Board Members:** Ben and Steve were present to give an update on the newest. They said that things have slowed down and the consultant that was hired will be going around to each school to assess all campuses this summer. At this point all of the information is being taken in so that the right decisions can be made. They said that the towns people have been reaching out and giving feedback and their opinions on what should be done. A bond has been spoken about, it would have to be an \$80 million bond, \$40 million of that is Harwood, a lot of their maintenance items have been deferred. They are happy to come back and speak with the SB at any time.

6:50 **FEMA Update:** Rae said that the town is still waiting on FEMA for a big chunk of money and asked that Tom reach out to Senator Peter Welch. Rae has been working closely with the town office in getting time sheets, work logs, invoices, crossing T's and dotting I's to be sure the town gets the funds that we need to be reimbursed. This summer more resurfacing needs to be done to finish up from the flooding. He has spoken to Martin and because of the flooding, the regular ditching and maintenance is behind by two years. Rae will be meeting with the SOV next week regarding the culvert on Jones Brook Road. Lover's Lane is still being discussed, different scenarios are being looked at and replacing the bridge is looking like the best option at this point. Rae will find out between now and the next meeting if it is a real possibility to have the bridge replaced.

Rae met with Mari Murphy regarding the parking behind the church being only for the church. The issue is in the winter the people using the gym at the school, park in that spot and the pastor doesn't have the spot that should be designated for the pastor. Thought is going to be had on this.

The culvert on Ward Brook Road will be started on May 1st.

Everett was present to ask some questions about Lover's Lane, he manages some of the properties on that road and voiced some concern the residents have. The SB assured him that all options are being weighed.

7:30 **Discussion on CL4LT Committee corrections** – there was discussion had on the corrections that the committee changed as per the SB request. Sasha will correct the word road to highway and send it to the SB for final approval. Callie **made the motion** to accept the Class IV & Legal Trails Policy as presented from the committee to the Select Board, pending the corrections that will be made. Robin seconded. All were in favor.

7:45 **Town Hall Rentals** – Cory was present to speak with the SB about the vision for renting the town hall in the future. She said that it takes 8 – 10 staff hours for prepare and clean for a rental. Also, questioned if the cleaning fee could be included in the rental fee. The karate class only takes only an hour and a half to clean and prep for. Tom feels that people shouldn't be priced out of using the building, or that the maybe just raise the rates for non-residents and keep the residential rates affordable. Cory also let the SB know that the town hall is being used for different groups: there is a craft group that comes in; a water color group; tutoring; and gaming. Discussion was had on the table and chair rentals and it was agreed that it should not be done any longer.

8:00 **Reports & Communications:** CV Fiber needed to have Chuck Burt and Sybil Schlesinger reappointed, per their request. Tom **so moved** to reappoint both of them. Robin seconded. All were in favor.

Library Trustees: Pam Barnes appointment needed to be amended to reflect a one-year term and Dan Zucker would like to be appointed to the other vacant seat being the three-year term. Tom **so moved** as stated. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

Two estimates were obtained for a post hole digger for speed limit signs, Sasha will email them to all SB members to look over.

Clarification on the purchase of the blinds for the rest of the office was asked for, due to them having gone up in price. Sasha just wanted to be sure that everyone was fine with the go ahead on that purchase. All were fine.

Tom had asked at the previous meeting about the permit on the junk yard on Route 2 and when that was up. Sasha checked and it was done for two years in 2023, so they should be approaching the SB in July for renewal.

Mike mentioned the AOT meeting at the Fletcher Road bridge and there is a third land owner, he will help figure that piece out. Tom asked that a thank you go out to Laura Stone for doing such a great job with the meeting.

Don mentioned the Shared Use Path, it will be running from Warren to the end of Route 100B.

Don brought up his email of the Buildings Committee. There was discussion on that.

- Board made up of one Select Board member and 3 - 4 community members
- Oversee maintenance and improvements to facilities
- Work with finance committee on funds required for repairs/upgrades
- Prioritize maintenance projects and planning for implementation
- Advise Select Board on projects and costs
- Maintain subcontractor contact list
- Organize volunteer and subcontractor projects within the context of the budget
- Meet monthly and or as needed to expedite needed repairs, pricing and schedule

Building Facilities Committee

Mike **made the motion** to accept the Building Facilities Committee Plan as presented by Don. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

Tom had spoken to Martin on a few things, the loader turbo blew and it's looking like that is going to cost five to six thousand dollars to fix. He said that Martin is looking into lease to own options. He also let everyone know that Martin should be back to work April 29th, he seems to be doing well and recovering. Martin has been working on a maintenance schedule for the summer and he had told Tom that Duxbury called and wanted the town to go in halves on a roadside mower. Tom doesn't feel that it would be a good thing to do right now with everything else going on.

Mike **made a motion** to approve the SB minutes of 04/07/2025. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

Warrants signed and approved: 25019 Accounts Payable checks 26197 – 26210; 25020 Payroll e- checks 4817 – 4826; 25021 Accounts Payable checks 26211 – 26219

17 liquor licenses (requests to cater) for Farmhouse Flowers

2025 LEMP signed

4 overloads

Adjourn: Tom **made the motion** to adjourn at 8:27 pm. Callie seconded. All were in favor.