

## Moretown VT Select Board Meeting

May 5, 2025

### Minutes

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**Members Present:** Mike Brown, Robin Campbell, Callie Streeter (Vice-Chair)

**Guests Present:** Travis Blodgett, Natessa Cournoyer, Carol Chamberlin, Steve Gilman, Bridget Harty, ORCA TV, Corey Stephenson, Louisa Wilson

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Callie at 6:00 pm. The meeting was held in person in the John Hogenboom Meeting Room and online via Zoom.

#### **Public Comment:**

Travis Blodgett voiced his concern regarding a clause in the recently adopted Class 4 Highway and Legal Trail Policy; particularly that part b of the Legal Trail definition provides the Selectboard with the authority to take land for recreational purposes. Callie explained that the Board adopted what had been reviewed by the Committee, and that there is no intention on the part of the Board to take private land for public recreational use.

Louisa Wilson and Natessa Cournoyer explained that they are trying to get the planning for Morefest initiated, but have not been able to connect with any of the past organizers. Mike indicated that he will reach out to Stefan to get more information on this year's planning.

#### **Resolution Request:**

A request had been sent to all Vermont municipalities regarding adopting a resolution related to committing to the US Constitution; it was agreed to table a discussion of this matter until the full Board was present.

#### **Reports and Communications:**

Callie presented an email from Rae Washburn expressing concern about the trail conditions at the Herring Brook/Lynch Hill area where logging was recently completed. Callie reported that she had spoken with Martin Cameron about this, and he explained that the logger intends to return to the site, once the conditions allow work to be done, and complete the water bar and log landing work needed. Mike confirmed that current AMPs do not require reseeding of cleared areas, and that these will naturally vegetate.

There was no update regarding Lover's Lane.

Avery continues on work to complete the Ward Brook project, and then will move to Jones Brook for completion of work there.

Carol reported that Vermont Emergency Management continues to gather the information needed in order to finalize the buyout process for the Route 2 properties.

#### **Administrative Matters:**

**Warrants:** The following warrants were approved and signed: AP \$37,660.06 checks #26220-26233 and checks #26253-26263; Payroll \$13808.47 e-checks #4857-4836.

It was noted that Martin had approved an invoice for Mountain Road work from Hallstrom's which had been discussed at a previous meeting; Martin is looking into whether this can be submitted to FEMA.

Minutes: The minutes of April 21, 2025 were amended and approved.

Overweight permits were signed.

**Old Business:**

No business was addressed during this portion of the meeting.

**New Business:**

Mike indicated that the Town should begin planning for how to address ash tree treatment/removal, as the Emerald Ash Borer has been identified in neighboring towns. He explained that he will investigate possibilities for financial assistance for this work, and suggested that the initial step be to complete an inventory of ash trees in the Town ROWs.

A quote received for replacing the heater at the old Library/Historical Society building was discussed. Bridget and Cory outlined the available funds in the Library budget, and asked that the Historical Society and/or a Town General Budget line item be used to cover a portion of the cost, as the Library's building maintenance fund does not have a balance sufficient to cover this expense. Board members agreed to look into available funds.

Bridget and Cory also indicated that a broader discussion of the future use/maintenance of the building will begin, with the Library Trustees and the Historical Society planning to meet regarding this.

**Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Chamberlin