
**Moretown Select Board Meeting
Monday June 16, 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: ORCA, Rae Washburn, Sasha Elwell

Tom called meeting to order at 6:01 pm

Public Comment: there was none

Land Sale – Rae was present to speak with the SB again on the Lynch Hill land sale. The SB minutes that were missing from that time period were found, thanks to Ruth Hoogenboom. The SB minutes of 08/15/2005 show the motion that that SB moved on. The land in question is land locked and is of no value to anyone, Rae's interest in this land is to put a camp on it and just walk it and hunt it. Rae would like to move forward with the agreement. The SB is in agreement that there is no reason that it shouldn't still go through as originally agreed on. Tom is waiting to hear back from the town attorney and is hoping to have it finalized by the next SB meeting.

FEMA & Hazard Mitigation – Rae let the SB know that the Ward Brook culverts are now done. Avery Excavating will be moving down to the Jones Brook Road culvert project and should be done by the end of July. He mentioned that there was a letter for the SB to sign for Otter Creek Engineering just to acknowledge that there were changes done to the guardrails one of the project.

Rae said that there is funding in the mitigation work to be done. He would like to see it done on River Road, where there is the last segment of about 1,000 feet of road that needs to be raised. There is enough money for the engineering for the project, permitting, the survey, plans, etc. but there is a very short window to get this done. Rae is asking the SB for their approval. He would like to have Pat Ross do it. It would raise the road about five feet for roughly 1,000 feet, it would include culverts and adjusting driveways to the residents in that stretch. This would make the road usable when the water comes up. The intent is not for any particular resident, it's to finish up that road project and keep all of the roads intact so all residents can get in and out. Tom **made the motion** to go ahead with the approval, for \$33K for the engineering on that section of River Road. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

There has been no update on the Lover's Lane issue, nothing has been obligated yet. It's a huge project whichever way is decided.

There are still three culverts that need to be done on Common, Mountain and River Roads. They are projects for next year or even the year after.

Resurfacing still needs to be done, as well as, mitigation work.

The town is still waiting on \$650K, which is 80% of the 90% the town should be getting. They are holding 20% of that money. They have received invoices from the town for \$850K.

Quick discussion was had on the FD septic design, Mike will get with Rae, he thought that perhaps a drawing may be included in the map of the building that he saw when he was figuring out the shrubs next to the FD. Stefan has some concerns about the leach field behind the building.

Resolution Discussion: Mike read through the resolution that was sent to the SB, discussion was had on whether or not to adopt it. It was agreed that being a small community, it really isn't necessary to adopt something so huge. As a Select Board, they (we) do what they "can to treat everyone fairly", and that is a quote that they live by as leaders in the community.

Reports & Communications: adding Columbus Day to the list of holidays was brought up since it will be here in a few months, the subject was previously tabled. Discussion was had and it was a split on whether or not to add it. The SB did agree to look at reevaluating vacation time, since there are many employees that have reached or almost reached their max time. Callie will send the Berlin personnel policy along for a reference, as well. Sasha will reach out to VLCT for examples of what other towns are doing too.

The maintenance agreement for the ponds in front of the town office was mentioned, John Hoogenboom used to be the contact person for that task. Sasha will find the agreement and get it to the SB.

There has been complaints and issues with speeding cars through the parking lot, around the town office building, along the road to and from the tennis courts. Cones have been put out there to slow cars so they have to zig zag through. This happens while there are kids out at recess or classes in the fields. SB suggestions are to start with an email to Susan Werntgen and Neal Mostov since they "run" the pickle ball scheduling/events, to ask for signs to be put up and maybe something on their website where people sign up. Don will look and see if he can locate where the signs are that say drive like your kids live here. There were other ideas tossed around, but hopefully emailing them will help.

Sasha was asked about the heater for the old library, someone was looking for confirmation that the funds were coming from the maintenance fund. Tom confirmed that the motion will be done once the second estimate is obtained and they decide on which one to go with.

Robin spoke with Mary Murphy about the Historical Society and he is going to help her with gathering some history from the Jones Brook area.

Callie mentioned that the loggers did a bunch of work on Lynch Hill.

Don mentioned that he attended a Warren Select Board meeting in support of the Mad River Path and said that they have a flat screen monitor on the wall instead of a projector set up, he thought that it worked well because you could see it better. Warren is having some similar issues as Moretown, they are looking into a facilities committee, as well as, have issues with traffic calming too. He said that he had an informal meeting with two potential members for the facilities committee and they visited all the town buildings.

Mike **made the motion** to approve the SB minutes of 06/02/2025. Robin seconded. All were in favor.

Old Business: there was none

New Business: there was none

Warrants & documents signed and approved: 25030 Payroll e – checks 4858 – 4867 and check 26332; Accounts Payable 25031 checks 26329 – 26368

Duxbury Fire Contract (they agreed to the increase of \$10k a year) – signed

Letter of support for the North Moretown Sidewalk grant -signed

Otter Creek Engineering – letter for a change with the Ward Brook culvert project

Stantec change order #2 was approved – the owner of the Post Office building ended up being paid \$10k more than anticipated for the sidewalk right of way

Adjourn: Tom **made the motion** to adjourn at 7:17 pm. Callie seconded. All were in favor.