
Moretown Select Board Meeting
Monday, October 6 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, Don Wexler, Mike Brown, Robin Campbell via ZOOM, not present Callie Streeter

Guests present: ORCA, Carol Chamberlin (zoning), Chris Stephenson, Cory Stephenson, Stefan Pratt, Bridget Hardy, Louisa Wilson, Sasha Elwell

Meeting called to order by Tom at 6:00 pm.

Public Comment: Carol came in to speak with the SB regarding waiving the fee for a permit to put a sign on the old library / new Historical Building. The SB is willing to waive that fee since it is a town building, they signed the permit for it.

6:05 Recreation / Morefest: Discussion was had on numbers for 2026 year

Louisa and Natessa are good going forward as co-chairs for the Morefest sub-committee.

A liaison for the MRVRD was discussed. Maybe putting something out on FPF would be a good idea.

6:35 Library: discussion was had on the budget and the only thing they would like to increase is their books and materials. They had the old library building heat and electric in their numbers and the SB agreed that a new GL account should be made for the Historical Society.

Cory mentioned having water in the basement last week and it was drying up when it was discovered. There was no way to figure out where it was coming from. Sasha let Peak know so that when they come for their PM in a couple weeks, they can check things out.

6:50 Fire Department: dispatching services are going up again, part of the plan for upgrading. Don brought up some building maintenance issues that still need to be addressed this fall and the money is still in the budget. Pest control \$300-400; some outside maintenance \$400; there is also a woodchuck or skunk digging under the foundation that needs to be relocated somewhere, more thought needs to go into this issue. Don will be working on next year projects and numbers for the maintenance budget.

Stefan brought up needing more equipment for volunteers, there has been more interest recently. Discussion was had on fund raising, Morefest profit was about \$800 and Stefan would like to do another coin drop. The SB thought a fall or July one would be a good time.

Quick discussion was had on emergency services for the folks that live on Fletcher Road. Looking ahead to when the bridge is closed, there should be no reason that hoses can't be

brought over the pedestrian bridge if there is need for it. In the next few years the FD would need to purchase some wider hoses for that.

Reports & Communications: John Malter stopped by the office as a follow up to let the SB know what the mix up was on submitting what needed to be submitted earlier in the year. He emailed the normal person, but that person no longer works there. But everything is all set now.

Cherilyn left a budget status report for the SB.

Robin let everyone know that Callie's concern on the hydroseeded area near the new culvert on Jones Brook Road is growing grass.

Don had a facilities update on the garage. The Road crew is going to address some drainage behind the building. There are about ten trees that need to come down and the estimate is for \$3K. Martin thinks that he may have that left in his building maintenance so that it could be addressed this year. They may also be able to do some work around the manhole covers on the side of the building. Then the last big item that needs to be attended to is the boiler, it's on its last leg and that is coming from two different companies. Those two companies have given quotes for replacing it as well and they are pretty close in the dollar amount. Which needs to be decided on soon.

Looking forward on the other items needing attention at the garage, the bill is upwards of \$150K.

The Town Office railing that has been discussed before, Jim O'Neil found someone to fix the bottom of the rail that is rusted. Jim is willing to take it off and deliver it to the guy. Then when it's done, Jim is going to paint it and replace it. When it was looked at, he indicated that it's a safety issue at this point, if someone leans on it, it could break.

Tom brought up the land purchase that Rae Washburn is still wanting to do. Cherilyn reached out to VLCT and there were two options to be done. The SB agreed to move forward with the original deal. In doing this, it needs to be posted as a notice in three places, the website, the Town Office and the Valley Reporter. The information will be at the office if there is any question.

Mike **made the motion** to approve the SB minutes of 9/15/2025. Don seconded. All were in favor.

7:47 Tom **made the motion** to go into Executive Session per 1 V.S.A Section 313(F) confidential attorney-client communications made for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the body. Mike seconded. All were in favor.

8:00 Tom **made the motion** to exit Executive Session. Mike seconded. All were in favor.

Warrants signed and approved: 25049 Accounts Payable check 26595; 25050 Payroll e – checks 4925 – 4933 and check 26596; 25051 Accounts Payable checks 26597 – 26614; 25052 Payroll e – checks 4934 – 4942; 25053 Accounts Payable checks 26615 – 26641

Contech contract for a culvert from Rae Washburn

Curb cut approved

Adjourn: Tom **made motion** to adjourn at 8:01 pm. Mike seconded. All were in favor.