
**Moretown Select Board Meeting
Monday, November 3, 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, Mike Brown, Callie Streeter, Not Present Don Wexler and Robin Campbell

Guests present: ORCA, Cherilyn Brown, Stefan Pratt, Rae Washburn, Mike DeBonis, Martin Cameron, Sasha Elwell

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

Public Comment: Stefan was present to speak with the SB about the quotes he received for turn out gear. He had quotes from Reynolds and MES, Reynolds was the cheaper one and it is the company that the rest of the gear has been purchased from, so it would match. As far as the financing, meeting minutes need to be referred to for the specifics.

6:05 **Bids for Culvert** – Rae was present to go over the bids that were received for the Moretown Common Road culvert. Avery came in at \$123,077; JA McDonald came in at \$132,130; and Kingsbury didn't submit one. Rae recommends Avery, he has done a good job for the town on other projects. Weather permitting this culvert could be done by Thanksgiving. Tom **made the motion** to accept the bid from Avery for the culvert on Moretown Common Road for \$123,077. Callie seconded. All were in favor. Tom signed the contract.

6:25 **FEMA update:** Rae is expecting the Lover's Lane repair to be obligated. Plans with many options have been submitted. There are still other projects pending, Rae is hoping that they are obligated by the end of the year. There is a culvert on the Mountain Road near Haupts Road that engineering is being worked on. Another culvert on River Road near Hog Hollow as well. Casella put in a culvert that was too small and they will pay for the bigger one to replace it. The town has been reimbursed for \$5 million so far and the town will end up paying \$1 million. The SOV may put in some money as well, that amount is still unknown.

Rae let the SB know that the church is still complaining about water coming in the basement. Rae is working with Ray Daigle on figuring out what it is, there is a culvert that goes under the parking lot. They plan on using a hose to saturate it to see if they can see where the water is coming from and then if that doesn't work, move onto a camera.

6:30 **MRVRD Rep** – Mike DeBonis was present to speak with the SB about representing the town. Tom **made the motion** to appoint Mike DeBonis as the MRVRD liaison. Mike seconded. All were in favor.

6:38 **2026 Budget** – Highway highlights – the boiler needs to be replaced at the town garage. The quote that came in lowest was Lafond Heating at \$10,953.35. The loader is a big concern,

there is doubts that the bucket will last through the winter. Boring would be around \$15k, the last known price of a new loader was \$225,000 with a \$40K trade in. The loader is a 2007 and is undersized. Discussion was had a new truck, they are still out two years for delivery on one. The Ram had been in the shop for three weeks and that invoice was over \$10K, and it's unsure if the plow will make it through the winter. The "wishlist" for the highway department is pretty much the same as it has been. A blower for the grader; pressure washer; hydro-seeder; and a brush hog or a sickle bar for the banks by the rec fields.

Cherilyn was present to go over the budget, but still waiting on a few items so the town office numbers will be put off. Employee insurance was discussed briefly.

The boiler at the town garage was discussed – Peak came in at \$12K and Lafond came in at \$10,595. Tom **made the motion** to accept the quote from Lafond Heating for \$10,595. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

Tom **made the motion** to accept the SOV option for the Fletcher Road bridge as they recommended, the Warren Truss with the pedestrian bridge. Mike seconded. All were in favor.

Mike **made the motion** to approve the SB minutes of 10/20/2025. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

Reports & Communications: discussion was had on more speed limit signs being purchased. River Road needs at least eight more. It was agreed to purchase more.

Old Business: there was none

New Business: there was none

Tom **made the motion** to go into Executive Session at 8:15 pm per Title 1 VSA 313(a)(F) confidential attorney-client communications made for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the body. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

Tom **made the motion** to leave executive session at 8:50 pm. Called seconded. All were in favor.

Warrants approved and signed: 25057 Payroll e – checks 4952 – 4961 and checks 26680 – 26681; 25058 Payroll e – checks 4962 – 4963; 25059 Accounts Payable checks 26682 -26714 for \$4,240,230.46.

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Adjourn: Mike **made the motion** to adjourn at 8:55 pm. Callie seconded. All were in favor.