Moretown Select Board Meeting
Monday, November 17, 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, Robin Campbell, Not Present Don Wexler

Guests present: ORCA, Cherilyn Brown, Karen Horn, Carol Chamberlin (Zoning), Sasha Elwell

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

Public Comment: Karen was present to speak with the SB about the town meeting committee that has been brain storming on engaging the community more. The group suggested having a "have your say" portion for the public at the regular January 6th Select Board meeting, so the budget needs to be wrapped up by this date. They also thought that having Pre Town Meeting two weeks prior to Town Meeting worked well last year. Their suggestion for 2026 was for Pre Town Meeting to be February 17th with Neck of the Woods services and a potluck again. The SB will further discuss this at the next meeting.

6:10 **Town Plan** – the Planning Commission moved to pass along to the Select Board the town plan for approval. They started working on it in 2024, it has been a long process. Carol let the SB know that if they have any minor changes they can be done. It will be posted for the hearing to take place at the regular SB meeting on December 15th. (Warned December 1St). As long as it is warned, it can be adopted at the December 15th meeting too.

Clark Amadon resigned his position on the Planning Commission as of the end of this year. Karen would like the SB to appoint Bob Blodgett who has been an alternate, to that position.

Discussion was had on the tier 3 of Act 250, the way things are looking there are more hoops to jump through for development, the town plan was done with encouraging expansion, this tier 3 could make it worse. Tom would like the PC to come back with recommendations.

Carol let the SB know that Buyout offers are coming in, so we will be moving into closings soon.

6:30 **2026 Budget** – Cherilyn was present to go over numbers for the upcoming budget. There are still some items that haven't got back to the town on their amounts. Legal hourly fees are going up. Building Maintenance still needs to be addressed for each department.

Pay increases and articles for Town Meeting will be discussed at the first December meeting.

6:45 **Reports & Communications**: Tom **made the motion** to allow Cherilyn to complete the MVP insurance paperwork for the 2026 calendar year for the town employees. Mike seconded. All were in favor.

Tom asked that a packet of what the ACO has done be put together for the next meeting, so they can go over it.

Tom would like to have Zach from the Waterbury Ambulance at the second January SB meeting.

Quick discussion was had on Texting my gov. and the services that they provide. It costs \$4,500 to get set up and it's on a 3-year contract, (second and third year are \$3,000). It's a lot of money when you don't know how many people would actually utilize it. Front Porch Forum is used a lot and is very effective, the SB is thinking about putting another donation in the budget for them this coming year.

Purchase of a post hole digger was discussed, the two quotes will be looked at.

Mike brought up the office water fountain and what the price of that replacement vs Crystal Rock is. Sasha will get that info for him.

Callie **made the motion** to approve the SB minutes from 11/03/2025. Robin seconded. All were in favor.

Tom asked that the SB pay be processed for the next meeting.

6:55 **Old Business** – there was none

6:55 **New Business** – Mike has forwarded an email over to Chris Stephenson about a donation of bareroot trees and has not heard back from him.

Warrant signed and approved 25060 Payroll e – checks 4964 – 4973

Contracts for Patrick Ross for culverts on Ward Brook and Moretown Mountain Road were signed

Adjourn – Tom **made the motion** to adjourn at 7:05 pm. Callie seconded. All were in favor.