Moretown Select Board Meeting
Monday, December 15, 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, Callie Streeter, Mike Brown, via Zoom Robin Campbell

Tom called the **Town Plan Hearing** to order at 6:00 pm.

Guests present: ORCA, Corey Stephenson, Carol Chamberlin – Zoning, Karen Horn, David Stapleton, John Schmeltzer, Chris Butsch, Steve Magill, Jim O'Neill, Bridget Hardy, Sasha Elwell, Candace White

Carol explained that the Town Plan work started two years ago. They sent out a survey to get started and then they just worked chapter by chapter. Carol went over the bullet points of what was addressed.

- Into
- Background
- Natural Features & Ecological Systems
- Moretown Economy
- Housing
- Transportation
- Utilities, Facilities, and Services
- Energy
- Historic & Cultural Resources
- Flood Resilience & Hazard Mitigation
- Land Use

Karen composed a letter to the legislature regarding the ACT 250 tier 3. Candace White joined the meeting so that she could better understand the issue Moretown has with this.

6:32 Tom **made the motion** to close the Town Plan Public Hearing. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

Tom called the regular Select Board meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

Public Comment: there was none

6:34 Don **made the motion** to adopt the latest addition of the 2025 Town Plan. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

6:35 **2026 Budget**: Cory was present to speak with the SB about custodial services. She was able to get a quote from the same company that cleans the town offices. They are able to do twice a month at \$200 each time, so it will add \$4,800 to the budget.

Don brought up discussion on a "handy man" for the town, someone assist with a high up light bulb that is out and things of that nature. Discussion was started on having a building maintenance fund started to get caught up on things that need to be done on the various buildings. This fund would be handled like the culvert fund and would need to be an article voted on. This would be a good subject to discuss at the "have your say" meeting in January that is hopefully taking place at the first SB meeting.

Employee insurance is going up a little bit and discussion was had on keeping that the same. Then discussion was had on employee raises, 3% is barely keeping up with inflation, so the SB decided on 3.5% across the board for employees.

7:16 **Town Meeting, Meeting Group**: was present to go over what they have discussed, they would like to keep Pre town meeting and town meeting the same as last year. Both ways were well received and attendance was good. They would like to add in addition to that a "have your say" at a regular Select Board meeting, the first one in January. To have a rough draft budget ready for eyes on the town website and a hard copy in the town office for those that don't have access to a computer. Hopefully the budget can be made available by December 22nd.

7:55 **Reports & Communications**:

Errors & Omissions- Eliason, Brian & Natalie, 408-127-10087, off Lynch Hill Road, changed from \$214,100 to \$180,500 with a difference of -\$33,600; Joly, John, 408-127-10597, 37 Miner Road, changed from \$150,500 to \$110,500 with a difference of -\$40,000. Signed and approved by the Select Board.

Sheriff Contract to look over, approve and sign.

Liquor license for Bliss Ridge

Callie brought up looking at the personnel policy and the vacation/comp time, comp time can be used by the SOV and municipalities.

Mike brought up the water fountain, quick discussion was had on that.

Mike advised that it looks like it will be spring before the SOV can take a look at the LT17 stream.

Don brought up the village slow down signs, to see what thoughts were on putting them on the Moretown Village signs, which are existing. Tom asked that he just run it by AOT first.

Tom discussed the January 5th SB meeting briefly, when it gets closer, there will be more concrete plans for it.

Tom **made the motion** to approve the SB minutes from 11/17/2025 and 12/01/2025. Mike seconded. All were in favor.

Adjourn: Tom **made the motion** to adjourn at 8:20 pm. Callie seconded. All were in favor.