
Moretown Select Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 20, 2026 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 and Robin Campbell

Guests Present: ORCA, Cherilyn Brown, Deborah Feldman, Chris Stephenson, Sasha Elwell

Meeting called to order by Tom at 6:00 pm

Public Comment: Chris came to the meeting asking for support from the SB regarding the plastic (fake pine) needles he has found from the cell tower on his property. He has filed a complaint with the cell company. SB asked that Carol be consulted to see if there were any stipulations put on the appearance of the cell tower, follow up will be done.

Deborah was in to speak with the SB in opposition of the petition that was presented to them to be put onto the Town Meeting ballot. She reiterated that this is not something that should be taking up town time and a local ballot is no place for international politics.

6:10 Fire Department Discussion: Stefan was asked to the SB meeting to discuss some topics that have been in question about inventory and other items. The SB asked for inventory of the equipment the FD has, the town needs actual numbers, this needs to be kept up with for insurance as well as why are more turn out gear sets being asked for. The turn out gear is supposed to last ten years, per set, but they do have tears and mishaps. Stefan is asking for four sets of turn out gear since the two sets were not purchased last year, (each set costs \$5K). Discussion was had on the town paying all of the FD's bills, which is a lot of money. Stefan thought that maybe having other area FD Chiefs in to give input on how they run things, would help. The SB asked that Stefan bring in an inventory and bank statement for the last 12 months, he agreed, and that will be done within the next month. Discussion was also had on keeping track of the inventory. Stefan also agreed to work on getting some help into the FD by the end of March. Stefan was asked about the roster and why the lifetime members are not on it. He said that he was told every person costs money on the insurance so he wasn't putting them on it. It was discussed that if those members showed up, they need to be covered, so they should be on the roster.

6:45 Articles – discussion was had on the article that was presented to the SB to be put on the Town Meeting ballot. Robin **made the motion** to deny the petition that was presented to the SB reading we oppose all forms of racism, bigotry, discrimination, and oppression; and We declare ourselves an apartheid-free community and to that end, We pledge to join others in working to end all support to Israel's Apartheid regime, settler colonialism, and military occupation. Don seconded. All were in favor.

The final budget numbers were gone over. Tom **made the motion** to accept the budget as presented, **\$1,878,380.18**, being **1%** higher than last year, for 2026. Robin seconded. All were in favor.

The next articles for the ballot were discussed, one being the blower for the grader; the turn out gear; the mailer for the town hall and stopping the mailing for the town report.

Quick discussion was had on putting CV Fiber and the Friends of the Library reports in the Town Report. It was agreed to do so.

Tom **made the motion** to accept the articles for the Town Meeting ballot for 03/03/2026, as discussed and agreed on. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

7:30 **MRRMA** – Mad River Resource Management Alliance as annually required the SB approved the agreement. Tom **made the motion** to accept the MRRMA agreement. Robin seconded. All were in favor.

7:31 **Reports & Communications:** there was none

Callie **made the motion** to accept the 01/05/2026 SB minutes. Tom seconded. Don wanted the minutes to be amended to show that Carla Francis was an attendee. So amended. Callie **made the motion** again. Tom seconded. All were in favor. Callie **made the motion** to accept the 01/12/2026 SB minutes. Don seconded. All were in favor.

Warrants: there were none

CAI yearly contract approved and signed

Two Patrick Ross contracts approved and signed for culverts

Adjourn: Don **made the motion** to adjourn at 7:40 pm. Tom seconded. All were in favor,