
Moretown Select Board Meeting
Monday, April 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, Callie Streeter, Don Wexler, Sam Rosenberg, not present
Mike Brown

Guests Present: MRVTV, Rae Washburn, Patrick Ross, Brian Eberhardt, Lisa Schaeffler, Rolf
Carlson, Stephen Gilman, Everett Norton, Lisa Muller, Sasha Elwell

Tom called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Public Comment: there was none

FEMA & Lover's Lane – Rae and Pat were both present to give the SB an update on what is going on with the construction of culverts and engineering from the 2023 and 2024 floods. From culverts on Jones Brook Road, Ward Brook Road, Mountain Road and resurfacing. Rae said that the goal is to get it all done this year. There is one culvert on Ward Brook Road that Avery was awarded the bid for, and another just below it that has not gone out to bid yet. Rae is in hopes that Avery could do the work on both culverts while he is there for the upper one. The upper one will require Hog Hollow having some work done to it so that residents have access out that way. Thoughts are that if the same contractor is doing both of the culverts, there wouldn't be such a road closure and would just make most sense. But the purchase policy needs to be looked into a bit deeper to see if it can be done and if FEMA is going to allow that.

Lover's Lane is close to being obligated by FEMA. Repair for the road is looking like \$2.4 million and if mitigation work was done as well, that would be an additional \$2.4 million. There hasn't been much for engineering on replacing the bridge, due to that not being covered by FEMA. But they would cover \$2.2 million for the bridge to be replaced. A decision needs to be made by the May 4th SB meeting, that gives the SB two weeks to think about it. Tom allowed public comment at this time and heard from everyone. Most are in favor of the road portion being repaired and not the bridge.

Zoning Program through NEMRC – Carol was present to speak with the SB about purchasing the zoning program through NEMRC so that she can scan documents into the system and keep track of things. She would utilize it going forward and as she has time, go through the file cabinets and input the past files so that they are all up-to-date. The money is in the budget for it, she just needs the SB approval because of the amount of money it costs, \$1,750. Tom **made the motion** to approve the purchase of the zoning program through NEMRC. Don seconded. All were in favor.

Carol let the SB know that the FEMA buyouts are moving forward, the first closing is coming up.

While Carol was present, she wanted to see if the SB would be okay with changing the end of terms for the Development Review Board and Planning Commission to March every year. Every town that she has been involved, their terms end and renew in March, they just stagger with the years their term is for. Tom asked that something is brought back to them for the next meeting so that they can decide on it.

Reports & Communications: Sasha got a few prices for a bigger tv screen for the meeting room, all of them were under \$500 through Amazon. Sam suggested the cheapest one, they are all about the same these days. That will be ordered.

The Assistant Librarian is working 11 hours and it was discussed back in January at budget time that it is only supposed to be 9 hours. The previous assistant was working 11 because 2 of those hours were cleaning the town hall, the new assistant is not doing that task. Don and Tom will look into that.

Short term rentals were brought up, nothing new was found yet, but other towns are talking about Knox boxes for FD's with safety concerns.

Tom spoke with Cherilyn and there are some grants that came up for the North Moretown Sidewalk, the Federal one is 100% covered and due at the end of the month. There is also the state grant that came up as well, she is going ahead and applying for that too. Cherilyn has reached out to CVRPC for them to look over the Federal grant application to be sure that she hasn't missed anything.

Tom checked in to see how the non-profits are going and Sasha will bring an updated list to the next meeting. Some of the invoices are in the current accounts payable to be signed off on.

Callie mentioned that the Central Vt Runners had an event that took them up Jones Brook Road over the weekend and the timing with the lack of being graded by either Berlin or Moretown was a rough go of traffic. She is going to contact them, although, they did apply for a permit with Berlin, their timing wasn't well planned with the way the frost is coming out of the road.

Don **made the motion** to approve the SB minutes of 04/06/2026 and amend the Special SB Meeting minutes for 04/10/2026 to read Friday, rather than Monday. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

Callie said that she has been reading up on the Open Meeting Law and wants to have a cover letter of the information on the warrants to be able to be read aloud so that it can be voted on. It was pointed out that all the information is on the warrants given to the SB for approval. The date of the warrant; check or e – check numbers; Accounts Payable or Payroll; total amount of the warrant; it is all on there to be read aloud if so chosen to be. Tom asked that she bring an example to the next meeting.

Quick discussion was had while documents were being signed on Lover's Lane, no decisions made, just thoughts on it.

Warrants signed and approved: Payroll 26015 e – checks 5071 – 5079; Accounts Payable 26016 checks 27040 – 27071

Liquor licenses 1st & 3rd class and (7) events 75283 - 75284 for Bliss Ridge were approved.

Letter of support for the North Moretown sidewalk project grant signed.

Overload permits

Adjourn: Tom **made the motion** to adjourn at 7:55 pm. Don seconded. All were in favor.