Moretown Select Board Meeting
Monday, July 06, 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, Sam Rosenberg, Don Wexler, not present Mike Brown

Guests Present: ORCA, Linda Hazard, Mike DeBonis, Rae Washburn, Martin Cameron, Louisa Wilson, Jack Byrnes, Sasha Elwell

Tom called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Public Comment – Louisa was checking on what else needed to be done with the fireworks contract. After the SB approves and signs it, Sasha sends it back and will get the deposit sent out.

Finance Review Committee – Mike and Linda were present to go over financials for the town, but they were told that the town hall committee wasn't going to ask for a bond vote in November. It is going to depend on what is coming down with FEMA, everything is riding on that. Mike explained that the FRC purpose is to make fiscally responsible recommendations to the Select Board in the interest of the tax payers. Linda said that she would be happy to help the town hall committee as a resident, not as a FRC member, on any grants since that is her specialty at work.

Martin was in due to the on-going issues with the 2018 truck and believes that it needs to be ordered sooner. There are new emissions coming out, which will be adding another $30K to the final truck bill for one and it will give the manufacturers a year to work out any kinks they have, (avoiding being a guinea pig unit, so to speak). Right now, Transeastern is at $195K and Charlebois $184K. Transeastern is a corporation and Charlebois is locally owned, they are willing to hold the truck, pending voter approval. If the vote is in March 2027, the payment for it would need to be in April of 2027 and then it could be on the road for the 2027-28 winter. Further discussion was had on the truck cycles and in doing this should help keep in line with it.

Martin brought up the sidewalk project and thinking ahead as far as clearing them in the winter. He is looking into the purchase of an attachment for the loader so that the blower can blow snow into the loader, this would need to be done early in the morning. Martin thinks that he could bury the purchase of the attachment into his budget somewhere and shouldn't be too big of an expense.

Don brought up the paving of the fire station driveway, while the sidewalk is being done. Don has spoken to Dubois & King and this should only cost $5K. It was agreed that it should be done.

Culvert 1.44 Bid & recommendation – Rae and Pat Ross have been working on the bids and references.

Blue Mountain -	$146,045
Mangan Excavating -	$212,933
Avery Excavating -	$142,415
Hallstrom Excavating -	$194,914

Tom **made the motion** to accept Avery's bid for the culvert 1.44 at $142,415. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

Update on Lover's Lane – the final design has gone out to bid, two companies have submitted for the engineering – Otter Creek and Stantec. They came in just before the holiday, Rae is in the process of going through them and he will send them over to the SB to look at. It is looking like a temporary bridge will be going in from Route 100B over to Lover's Lane for the winter. Emergency services should be contacted so that they are aware, once things get going. Sasha will let Stefan know.

Rae advised that the River Road project should be going out for bid in August.

School Discussion – Tom wanted to start the conversation, since there is so much coming up in the news. Dara will be at the next SB meeting. Sam brought up that if in the next few years, the town has the option to buy the MES back for a $1, that could potentially address the town hall discussion.

Appoint Committee for Reclassifying a Road – per the new Class IV & Legal Trails Policy there needs to be a committee appointed, made up of one Select Board member, a town resident, and the road foreman. Discussion was had. Tom **made the motion** to appoint Mike Brown, Martin Cameron and Shawn Graves to the committee. Don seconded. All were in favor.

Reports & Communications – Don Weston sent in a letter to be approved by the SB regarding staging in the parking lot for the sidewalk project. Tom would like wording in the letter stating that if there is damage, they will be responsible for it.

July 20 the sheriff department will be at the meeting and Cherilyn should have the information for the SB to set the tax rate.

A question came in from the cemetery commissioners regarding ruts that a truck made delivering a monument, asking if the town could do the work. Tom suggested contacting the trucking company, maybe they would cover the material at least. If not then, the cemetery could pay for material and the town could do it.

The sheriff department will be at the next DRB meeting, due to issues that were at the last one.

The Pony Farm parking issue was discussed again and a letter will be composed and sent out. Tom will draft up the letter for everyone to review. Speaking with these folks isn't getting anywhere, if it's on paper the "why's" and what will happen, things may change.

Tom brought up nominating a community member for a VLCT leadership day in October. He would like everyone to think on it and circle back at the next meeting.

Callie had a conversation with Bobby Halpin about ATV's, she's going to meet with him. Washington just did something and Tom also spoke with someone about it and was advised that the town clerk there would have the information on it.

Tom will be speaking with Ken Robie and Cherilyn about the fire department driveway.

Tom **made the motion** to approve the SB minutes from 6/15/2026. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

Warrants signed and approved Payroll 26025 e – checks 5124 – 5133; Payroll 26026 e – check 5134; Accounts Payable 26027 check 27210 – 27256

Fireworks contract signed; Flood Loan Extension documents signed

At 7:28 pm Tom **made the motion** to go into Executive Session per 1 V.S.A. Section 313 (a)(1)(F), for confidential attorney-client communications made for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the body. Don seconded. All were in favor.

At 7:40 pm Tom **made the motion** to exit Executive Session. Don seconded. All were in favor.

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