Minutes
Moretown Selectboard
Monday, August 3, 2026
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Members Present: Tom Martin (Chair), Sam Rosenberg, Callie Streeter, Don Wexler
Staff Present: Carol Chamberlin, Zoning Administrator
Others Present: Travis Blodgett, Charlie Love, Chris Stephenson, Cory Stephenson, Candice White

Tom Martin called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm. The meeting was held in person at the Moretown Town Office and online via Zoom.

Public Comment
Travis Blodgett submitted a document outlining his claim that there may have been a violation of floodplain regulations at another resident's property. He requested that the documents become part of the Selectboard's record of the meeting.

Education Discussion
Candice White provided an update on legislative work on education matters covered in the passage of recent bills. She first outlined some of the details included in Act 73, which was passed last year, and then spoke of the more recent updates included in H955, which was passed this year as Act 170. Candice explained that one of the primary features of this Act is the creation of Cooperative Educational Service Areas (CESAs) which are to take the place of mandatory mergers for now, and allow schools from different Districts to work together to find efficiencies and spread some of the higher education costs over a larger student population. CESAs have also been tasked with beginning merger discussions, with suggestions to be submitted to the state in October of 2027. Candice also outlined that in FY30 the State will dictate the amount available for each (weighted) student, that school construction was intended to be addressed and funded but that progress has not yet been made in this area, and that chronic absenteeism is also being addressed.

Candice answered several questions, acknowledging that the reduced excess spending threshold will impact the Harwood District, expressing support for finding creative solutions for elementary school options, explaining that some legislature continues efforts to provide for lowering health insurance costs, and asking that people share ideas regarding these matters.

Don asked about potential legislation to address truck and motorcycle noise; Candice suggested collecting related information to provide as any bills are discussed further in the legislature.

Piazza Settlement
Tom noted that the recent court date went well, and that an agreement had been finalized. The amount agreed upon for legal costs, etc. had been paid in full.
Charlie explained that he would like to take on the role of General Contractor for the work agreed upon to be completed at the Piazza property, and provide some examples of his work on previous projects.

MOTION: *Tom moved to approve engaging with Charlie Love as the General Contractor for the work to be completed on the Frank Piazza property. The motion was seconded by Don, and passed unanimously.*

Charlie indicated that he would be doing the work outlined based upon the initial assessment that was completed, and that Green Home Solutions would be completing a second assessment to determine what work has been completed and what still needs to be accomplished.

New Business
Road Name Change
Cory and Chris Stephenson explained that they were requesting a change to the name of the road that serves their home and two other dwelling units within the house. They indicated that, after hearing the Village referred to as 'the Hollow,' they were proposing that the road be named 'Hollows Edge.' Carol confirmed that she would work with State E-911 staff to have this change approved.

MOTON: *Tom moved to approve the request for the road name of 'Hollows Edge.' The motion was seconded by Don, and passed unanimously.*

RPC Committee Member Appointments
MOTION: *Tom moved to appoint Deborah Sargent to the RPC Board of Regional Commissioners, John Lynch as the TAC Representative, Stefan Pratt as the REMC EMD/EMC Representative, and Courtney Guyette as the REMC Emergency Services Representative. The motion was seconded by Don, and passed unanimously.*

Old Business
Salt Shed Project Manager
Tom provided an update on the scoring for Municipal Project Manager candidates for this work.

MOTION: *Tom moved to hire DuBois & King as the Municipal Project Manager for the Salt Shed Project. The motion was seconded by Callie, and passed unanimously.*

Policy Updates
This item was postponed.

Reports and Communications
Board Member Roundtable
Sam proposed that some efforts be undertaken to position Moretown as the single elementary school for the MRV if consolidation plans are undertaken. Tom suggested that Chris Stephenson be part of the conversation, as he understands the recreational aspect of the school's vicinity.

Callie noted that the Class 4 Road Reclassification group had not yet met; Tom noted that he would contact Mike Brown about this.

Don reminded the group that they intend to discuss a Town Administrator position at some point.

Don suggested replicating Montpelier's FPF posts regarding how to become involved in community service and Town positions.

Don asked if registration/regulation of Short-Term Rentals is something the Board might want to consider.
Don noted that Jim O'Neill had installed a temporary railing at the Town Hall, to be in place while the sidewalk work is completed, after which the railing will need to be permanently replaced. Don will get an estimate of the cost of this work.

Don spoke of the roof of the History Center needing to be replaced, and a grant possibility for Historic Preservation which Cherilyn will pursue. He noted that the chimney repair/removal needs to be addressed, he will ascertain whether the building in on the Historic Registry before proceeding with plans.

Don noted that quotes had been received for HVAC work at the Garage, and that likely the Gillespie quote for a dehumidification system is the best initial approach.

Don questioned whether the concerns raised by Travis Blodgett are a State or Town issue; Carol confirmed that the State is addressing the situation, and that a final permit is expected shortly for the Jeff Martin property.

Don will request that the residents at the bottom of Pony Farm Road come to the next Board meeting to discuss the parking situation.

Don suggested that the Board look into painting crosswalks in the Village a solid color and potentially initiate the use of crossing flags at the Post Office crossing. Tom suggested that Don check with John Lynch/TAC regarding solid colored crosswalks.

Don will work on initiating a log of noise generated by trucks/motorcycles.

Tom noted that the Town's 2018 International truck needs approximately $18K worth of repair work, and also provided an update on the Kubota repairs taking place, which will likely be about an $8K job. In the meantime, Eric is mowing with his own equipment, and will be invoicing the Town for this use.

Tom reiterated that the court date for the Piazza settlement went well, and that there will likely be approximately $50K which can either be applied to the General Fund or used for a specific purpose. Tom also indicated that the repairs to take place will move the building towards sale to another party.

Tom reminded the Board of the Exact Time software that was being considered for use by the Road Crew, indicating that he would look into having a presentation available for both the Board members and the Road Crew to learn more about the program. As well as another program that might have value for residents, notifying of road issues, or reporting the same.
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Review Documents, Invoices, Warrants, and Minutes
Warrants and other documents were approved and signed, including a Liquor License for Morefest and the Minutes of July 20, 2026.

Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Chamberlin, ZA