
**Moretown Select Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 08, 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, Mike Brown, Sam Rosenberg, Callie Streeter, Don Wexler

Guests Present: ORCA, Rae Washburn, Cory & Chris Stephenson, Travis Blodgett, Louisa Wilson, Carol Chamberlin, Cherilyn Brown, Lisa Muller, Stephen Gilman, Sasha Elwell

Tom called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Public Comment – Cory was present to let the SB know she is resigning from the town hall committee.

Chris let everyone know there is still a need for volunteers at Morefest.

FEMA Projects – Rae was present to go over different projects.

Lover's Lane – review has gone on, looks like it's going to be roughly 2.5 million to fix the road. Regarding the detour, the SOV is unable to lend a bridge, other means will need to be gone through and that won't be obtained until March.

River Road Culvert – the bids range from \$372K to \$723K, the road will be shut down for a week. Patrick Ross and Rae Washburn recommend Kingsbury. Tom **made the motion** to accept the bid for the River Road culvert 2.04 from Kingsbury for \$418,770. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

Mountain Road culvert – the road will be closed starting on 9/09 and will be closed for a week, unless it goes faster.

Guardrail on Jones Brook Road – discussion was had on a section that needs guardrailing, the road was raised after the flood and it is a safety issue. It was agreed as long as FEMA is covering it, go ahead with the installation of guardrail.

Truck Bid – two bids were received for a 5500 truck.

Stone – 2026 \$110,048 and 2027 \$108,270

Goss – 2026 \$107,101

The 2018 Ram the town has is in the shop, (has been for three weeks) the brakes are not working, Stone has been waiting on parts, then it needs to be inspected in November. Tom spoke with Stone and the town could walk away from the truck as a trade in and have the 2026 truck within 30 days. Tom **made the motion** to purchase the 2026 Ram 5500 from Stone with the trade in. Mike seconded. All were in favor.

Old Business – Brief discussion was had on the town hall. Tom will ask of a meeting to be had with the FRC & town hall committee, just to get a picture. Callie suggested that mindfulness be in the mix.

New Business – Tom brought up an email that was received from the Vermont River Conservancy about a volunteer that mows the canoe access across from Lover's Lane. Caleb Deane has been doing this for a few years now. The town would like to notice him with a gift for his endless efforts in keeping the mowing done. There was discussion about others that volunteer in town with little recognition, maybe quarterly the SB will start doing this and then list them in the town report.

The SB wanted to recognize Rodney Huntoon, a member of the road crew, who has been with the town for twenty years now. He is a great equipment operator, truck driver, a great person and an asset to the town.

Reports & Communications – discussion on where the funds are supposed to be taken for the turn out gear (for the FD) were had, the subject will be circled back to.

Paula Woods would like to be reappointed to the DRB. Tom so moved.

Cherilyn is setting up a rabies clinic in town with a local vet. Discussion was had on the location; SB suggestion was to have it at the fire station. Sasha will get with Stefan on this.

Dick Valentinetti sent an email asking for a raise in his pay for health officer, to go up from \$300 to \$600. Tom **made the motion** to increase Dick's pay from \$300 to \$600 per year starting now. Mike seconded. All were in favor.

Sam brought up the local options tax and that speaker from the valley will be at the next meeting.

Don spoke with Kathleen Ramsey at VLCT and needs two SB members to meet with her regarding the town administrator. Sam confirmed that this is just informational.

Don received two quotes for the roof of the Historical Center. There is brush that needs to be cleaned up behind the building and maybe paint it next year. The Fire Station entrance door needs to be replaced and will need a small roof over it, there is a pest issue, (squirrels), the motor in one of the doors is gone and the building needs some patching. The Town Garage, one of the solutions for the moisture issue was to get a dehumidification unit. Don got a quote from Gilliespie for \$5,797.14, that money was put into the budget.

Tom **made the motion** to go ahead with the dehumidifier purchase from Gilliespie for \$5,797.14. Don seconded. Four were in favor, Callie abstained.

Back to the Historical Center roof, Don **made the motion** to go with Solar Zack and accept the bid for \$12,230 for the roof replacement. Mike seconded. Four were in favor, Callie abstained.

Quick discussion was had on the purchasing policy.

Mike, Martin and Don met with the Pony Farm folks about the parking. Don reached out to Michelle Redmond with VTrans and have another meeting scheduled for the end of the month.

Mike went through old pending business to update it and take off some items that have been addressed.

Since Carol was present, she offered an update on the buyouts. One of the houses on Route 2 is gone and already seeded. Gambriel Drive, three of them will be coming down next week. The Westover house has closed on, no update on that demo yet and Schafers will close in December. She said that there has been talks with the National Park Service and there may be a spot for pull in and pull out for bikes at Gambriel Drive. Carol asked the SB what level of maintenance they would like to see there in terms of mowing. It was agreed to plant trees and be very low maintenance, let it grow.

SB minutes from 08/18/2026 will be approved at the next meeting.

Warrants signed and approved 26034 Payroll e - checks 5162 – 5170; Payroll 26035 e – checks 5171 – 5179; 26036 Accounts Payable checks 27372 - 27420

Dubois & King sidewalk amendment #3 request

Kingsbury Culvert bid for River Road

Lafayette proposal for Jones Brook Road guardrails

Tom **made the motion** at 7:47 pm to go into Executive Session per 1 V.S.A. Section 313(a)(1)(B) labor relations with employee. Mike seconded. All were in favor.

Tom **made the motion** at 8:10 pm to exit Executive Session. Mike seconded. All were in favor.

Adjourn – Tom **made the motion** to adjourn at 8:10 pm. Mike seconded. All were in favor.