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**Moretown Select Board Meeting**  
**July 15, 2024 at 6:00 PM**  
**79 School Street**  
**In the John Hoogenboom Meeting Room**  
**Via ZOOM Meeting ID 620 104 2716 or call in: 929-205-6099**

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**Members Present:** Tom Martin, John Hoogenboom via ZOOM, Don Wexler, Robin Campbell, Callie Streeter

**Guests:** ORCA, Michelle Beard, Michael Brown, Gary Butler, Rube & Helen Scharges, Cherilyn Brown, Rae Washburn, Travis Blodgett, Harold Austin, Chris Austin, Robert Sargent, David Stapleton, Tina & Dick Valentinetti, Paula Woods, Susan Werntgen, John Schmeltzer, Angela Valentinetti, Tara & Creighton Vogt, Sasha Elwell

Meeting was called to order by Tom at 6:05 PM

**Public Comment:** Harold asked about moving the speed sign trailer on Pony Farm Road. Also, asked about road side mowing and he had contact name of someone in Jericho that does it, if the town is looking for someone.

6:10 **Tax Rate** – Cherilyn was present to go over the numbers for setting the tax rate for 2024. The town tax rate went down, residential rate \$1.66 and non-residential rate \$1.60. Tom **made the motion** to accept the tax rate as read. John seconded. All were in favor.

6:20 **Storm Damage** – the list of roads that have considerable damage are Honan, Tarts, Stevens Brook, Witham, Bradley, Jones Brook, Ward Brook, Mountain, Lovers Lane, Herring Brook, and Cobb Hill. Tom met with Senator Welch last week regarding all of the damage. Rae was present to go over what has been done so far. There were fifteen roads in total that were affected by the storm the night of July 10<sup>th</sup>. Contractors, as well as, the road crew have worked non stop so that everyone can get out. Rae advised that if there is a road closed sign in place, it is indeed closed and only residents that live there should be using those roads. Quick discussion was had on Fox Farm Road, with the continued issue of the culverts that are not working correctly. It was agreed that they will be fixed. Discussion on borrowing money to get through this was had, as well as, moving money. Northfield Savings Bank approved the town for \$3million at 4.5%, Callie mentioned that the interest is reimbursable through FEMA.

Rae had one bid for the parking lot signage from F.R. Lafayette for \$7,320, for a total of twenty-two signs. Tom **made the motion** to accept the bid from Lafayette for \$7,320. Robin seconded. All were in favor.

7:32 **Class IV & Legal Trails Committee** – Paula was present to give the SB the summary of what the committee went over and their recommendations. She left a copy for everyone to look over and maybe come back to discuss it with the SB at a later meeting, perhaps in August.

7:39 **Hazard Mitigation Recommendations** – from the July 1<sup>st</sup> bids, there were four received. John Schmeltzer and Karen Horn recommend going with the company Seams. Their

bid was for 106 hours at \$9,600. Tom **made the motion** to accept the bid from Seams for the Hazard Mitigation. Don seconded. All were in favor.

7:45 **Reports & Communications:** Tom asked to be reminded about the Mack invoice for \$1,558.24. Tom **made the motion** to take the \$1,558.24 for the Mack invoice from the Maintenance Reserve. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

Karen Horn requested to be reappointed to the Planning Commission. Tom **so moved**. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

Dick Valentinetti would like to be reappointed to the Health Officer position. Tom **made the motion** to reappoint Dick. Robin seconded. All were in favor.

Elga Gemst wanted to be sure that it's okay she rides her side by side through the parking lot to their land out behind the recreation fields. They are unable to get there on their road right now. The SB was fine with that.

Cherilyn left a current budget status report for each SB member.

Callie said that Casella Construction has been doing an amazing job.

Don mentioned a food truck that has been at the Ward's swimming hole. He has spoken to Carol regarding this, just making sure that there are no permits that they should be obtaining.

Tom **made the motion** to transfer \$162,915.21 of ARPA funds/loss revenue to the general fund. Robin seconded. All were in favor. Tom **made the motion** to take out the 12-month loan for \$3million at the 4.5% with NSB. Robin seconded. All were in favor.

Callie **made the motion** to accept the SB minutes of 07/01/2024. Don seconded. All were in favor.

**Warrants** signed and approved: Payroll 24034 e – checks 4599 – 4608 and Accounts Payable 24035 checks 25251 – 25284

**Adjourn:** Tom **made the motion** to adjourn at 8:05 PM. Don seconded. All were in favor.