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**Moretown Select Board Meeting  
Monday October 7, 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, Don Wexler, Callie Streeter, Robin Campbell

**Guests:** ORCA, Craig Eilers, Cherilyn Brown, Rae Washburn, Evan Hallstrom, Gene Bifano, Carol Chamberlin, Martin Cameron, Sasha Elwell

Meeting called to order by Tom at 6:00 PM – he asked for a moment of silence to remember John Hoogenboom who passed away September 20<sup>th</sup>. John was a Select Board member for more than 35 years in Moretown, he will be greatly missed.

**Public Comment:** Gene was present to talk about running as an independent for House. He told a little about his back ground.

6:05 **Public Hearing Adoption of Interim Flood Hazard Area Bylaw** – Carol was present to speak with the SB on the bylaws. She advised that this was the same thing that was put into place following Tropical Storm Irene. No permits have been issued, as of yet, things are moving pretty slowly. At 6:09, Tom closed the public hearing. There were no questions.

6:10 **Employee Insurance** – Craig was present to go over the changes that are coming for the employee insurance. Staying with the plan the town now has, the plan is going up 45%. If the town goes back to the previous plan with Blue Cross, it would be a 25% increase. The other option is moving over to MVP and would go up by 16%, but changing the platform, the doctors may not be in network and there are services that are not covered by the insurance, where Blue Cross does. This will be thought on and discussed further at the next SB meeting October 21st.

6:30 **FEMA Update** – Rae is still hoping to get money from FEMA before the end of the year. The culverts on Ward Brook Road are still on schedule. Lover’s Lane is still being worked on.

**Bids** for ditching the following roads before winter:

Bradley – Avery \$17,377; Hallstrom \$22,065; Blue Mtn \$49,999; JA McDonald \$63,900

Tom **moved to accept** Avery’s bid. Robin seconded. All were in favor.

Moretown Common – Avery \$77,324; Hallstrom \$91,770; JA McDonald \$115,925; Blue Mtn \$115,900

Tom **moved to accept** Avery’s bid. Don seconded. All were in favor.

Hog Hollow & River Road – Hallstrom \$37,345.75; JA McDonald \$54,740; Blue Mtn \$60,058; Waters \$68,170

Tom **moved to accept** Hallstrom’s bid. Robin seconded. All were in favor.

Cobb Hill Road – JA McDonald \$70,100; Hallstrom \$92,500; Waters \$103,300; Blue \$162,365

Tom **moved to accept** JA McDonald's bid as long as they can complete the work this year. If not, it will go to Hallstrom. Robin seconded. All were in favor.

Rae advised that there is one more job that needs to be bid on, Old Route 100, for slope repair.

Tom **made the motion** to go into Executive Session per V.S.A. Section 313 (3) at 7:11 pm. Callie seconded. All were in favor.

Tom **made the motion** to exit Executive Session at 9:11 pm. The SB made the decision to hire Eric Howes for the vacant Road Crew position.

**Warrants** signed and approved: Payroll 24049 e – checks 4648 – 4658; Accounts Payable checks 25695 – 25737; Payroll 24051 e – checks 4659 – 4668 and checks 25738 – 25742

**Adjourn:** Tom **made the motion** to adjourn at 9:18 pm. Callie seconded. All were in favor.