

**Town of Moretown
Special Select Board Meeting
11/23/2020
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6201042716>
Via ZOOM Meeting ID 620 104 2716
Passcode D84ysR
Or to call in: 929-205-6099**

Board Members Present: Tom Martin, John Hoogenboom, Rae Washburn, Callie Streeter, Don Wexler

Guests: Martin Cameron, Cherilyn Brown, Sasha Elwell-Badore

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Tom

Brief discussion was had on seasonal help in case of Covid-19 affecting the road crew. A list of locals will be composed and explore options for coverage.

Budget: Town Highway, a few points that Martin is asking for more money on are Chloride, trash, the grader needs engine work and the JD snow blower needs some work as well. The chloride budget was up this year, due to the trailer that was purchased to replace the 2001 International that was used for that, it didn't pass inspection. There shouldn't be any expenses for the new excavator, due to it being brand new. But Cat does not cover the mileage and hourly wage for the maintenance when they travel for the work, so there is a bill for that.

Questions on the Road Maintenance System were brought up. It was put into the budget for 2020. Sasha will contact Robert Turner to set up a Zoom call for that to be implemented. Rae will join Martin and Tom asked that Rodney joins as well. Rodney was complimented on how he keeps track of what they do, on his personal phone. He assisted with some information for a grant and he is was a huge help.

Grader: Martin did not receive the quotes from the other companies he asked for. With the amount of money that needs to be spent on the grader, Rae suggested taking out a loan so the whole amount doesn't have to hit the 2021 budget all at once. Cherilyn asked for interest rates from the bank, in anticipation of that question. 3-year loan – 1.9% and 5-year loan – 2.5%. It would be approximately \$25,000 a year vs. \$70,000 in one year. The question was asked how much a new grader goes for, a guess what starting at \$325,000. John said that fixing it now, could extend the life of the grader by 20 years.

Rae asked Martin about the sander for the Dodge. Martin said that he did purchase a poly caster from Big Tex. The invoice amount was \$6999.00 plus. There was brief discussion on the reasoning being for safety issues.

Brief discussion was had on the 2001 International being put on Craigslist.

6:52: Town Meeting: pre-town meeting can be virtual, and ideas were discussed on the actual town meeting. The legislature is working on what will be allowed for town meeting. Possibly doing something in the school parking lot. Cherilyn is concerned about the safety of

voting at the same time. It will probably be a drive thru, just as the primary and general elections were. Rae will draw up a rough sketch of what he has had thoughts of on this. Tom's preference would be to meet live, but safety is of utmost importance.

Adjourn: John made the motion to adjourn at 6:59 pm. Tom seconded. All were in favor.