

**Town of Moretown
Office of the SELECT BOARD**

Draft – Unapproved minutes of the 3/18/13 selectboard meeting

Board members present were: John Hoogenboom, Michelle Beard, Reed Korrow, Rae Washburn

Guests included: Tom & Martha Douglass, Scott Baughman & Lisa Ransom, Rachel Goff from the Valley Reporter, Mark Glavin, Meredith Vaughan, Denise Gabaree, Sarah Holland, Cheryl Brown as assistant to the board

John called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment: There was no one present for public comment.

Minutes:

3/4/13 – John moved; Michelle seconded with the correction that the Odor Task Force meets next on March 21st rather than March 20th. All were in favor.

3/18/13 - Approval of the 3/11/13 minutes was deferred until the 4/1/13 meeting.

Reports & Communication, Announcements:

Rooney request for abatement – Cheryl contacted the Rooney's to let them know that the procedure to request an abatement is; there must be a request made for a hearing by the taxpayer to the town, preferably in writing.

Michelle said according to VLCT, new legislation now makes it possible for the Board of Abatement to abate just penalties and/or late fees, whereas before the property tax had to be part of the abatement request.

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Email from Maxine Grad – that she and Adam Greshin met with Jeb Spaulding and Ed Reardon about the landfill closure and how it would affect Moretown financially. She asked that the town provide a “number” of the financial impact to the town should the landfill close.

The board will let Maxine know that they feel the financial impact will be about \$2.3 million over the next five years, the length of the Host Town Agreement and what tipping fees the town would have received.

Town Hall flood repairs – Tom Martin reported earlier today, receiving a call from Michael Pierce. Mike told Tom he did some painting in the town hall for Craig Ciampi, and when he asked Craig for his pay Craig told him he had submitted bills to the town but had not been paid.

There are no outstanding invoices for Craig Ciampi, and review of his payment history indicates prompt payment for any bills that were submitted.

Town Hall ramp – Moretown applied for and received a \$14,000 grant from the Secretary of State to build a ramp onto the town hall so it would be handicap accessible. Before the ramp can be built, a survey of the property should be done.

Reed moved; seconded by Michelle to have a survey of the property done. Discussion followed that monies available from the renovation project are available to pay for the survey if the grant does not. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Moretown Landfill status – Word from Mike DiMaggio is that Advanced Disposal intends to appeal the decision of ANR to deny recertification of cell 3, that the landfill will remain open for 30 days, as is allowed by State Law.

Comments followed:

- The odors are overall better, but that doesn't mean the problem is fixed. The Odor Task Force meets this Thursday.

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- Steve Lotspeich is involved with the Waterbury Planning and apparently he would like to talk with Moretown and Duxbury about development plans on Route 2 and on Route 100B.
- The town anticipates collecting the \$350,000 minimum due from the Moretown Landfill in 2013.
- The State sited groundwater as also being an issue at the landfill.
- Tipping fee revenue has been saved over the years, in excess of \$965,000, however this money can't be used without a vote.
- The landfill itself is about 10 acres so even if it closes there is still nearly 170 acres of land that is usable and should be taxed as such.

Moretown Historical Society – Denise Gabaree and Sarah Holland came in to talk with the selectboard about the 250th birthday celebration plans. Moretown will be 250 years old on June 7th of this year. Discussion included:

- Rae Washburn is the Selectboard's liaison with the Historical Society for the celebration.
- There are plans for a town wide yard sale through Moretown Village.
- Possibly a barbecue if they can get some help with cooking and coordinating etc.
- Singing and possibly dancing at the town hall.
- Bingo night is doing well and considerable money has been raised for the celebration as a result.
- The town will contribute something for the celebration, but what hasn't been decided.
- The Town of Duxbury, who will also be 250 years old this year, will be having their celebration on that weekend, and so Moretown's celebration activities will be staggered so as not to interfere.
- The Historical Society wants volunteers to help coordinate events, and ideas for activities. They meet next on Wednesday, March 27th at 6:00 p.m. The meeting place is yet to be determined, but people can contact either Denise or Sarah to find the meeting location, or to offer help.

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New Business: There was none tonight.

Invoices were reviewed and warrant #17 was signed as presented.

Other documents for signatures –

Road & Bridge Standards for 2013

Town Service Officer Appointment documentation to forward to the State – Evelyn Goss was appointed the Service Officer at the last meeting.

Charles O. Davis (U.S. Trust) confirmation that any funds distributed in 2013 will be used according to the Deed specifications.

Washington County Sheriff's Department contract - signed for \$10,000 yr.

Several overload permits were signed.

Reed moved to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. John seconded. All were in favor.