

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

DRAFT – Notice of unapproved minutes of the 4/22/13 selectboard special meeting held for the purpose of meeting with Advanced Disposal personnel regarding the environmental court granting MLI an extension to operate the landfill for three more months; to sign warrants; and for any other business that may come before the board

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

Guests included: John Malter, Jonathan Siegel, Martha Douglass, Scott Baughman, Lisa Ransom, Rick Blake, Eric Howes, Dave Lavender & Mike DiMaggio of Advanced Disposal, Dick Baughman, Don LaRocca, Jeff & Ken Myers of Myers Container Removal, Dean Moulton, Mary Ann Raymond, Rachel Goff, Dianne Doyle, Keith & Leslie Llewellyn, Sandra & Max Fortune, Tom Douglass, and Cheryl Brown as assistant to the board

Tom called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and gave the purpose of tonight's special meeting. He said Advanced Disposal will talk first; then the Selectboard; then there will be a public comment period.

Dave Lavender - Regional VP - Dave gave a brief outline of items listed on a Fact Sheet provided tonight by Advanced Disposal. Dave explained where AD is with the landfill at this point, and their plan to move forward with cell 4. Discussion included:

- Effective immediately Moretown Landfill will be accepting residential trash thru July 15th. The cost will continue to be .50 cents per bag. Hours of operation will be M-F between the hours of 7 am – 3:30 pm, and Saturday between 8 am – noon.
- Dumpsters will be used for the collection.
- MLI will request the Environmental Court to allow the July 15th stay to be extended.

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- Advanced Disposal is committed to being a good neighbor for the long-term.
- MLI is going forward with an application to the Town and State for cell 4. The application submitted prior by the former management group will be revised.

Mike DiMaggio – General Manager - comments included:

- The gas wells are now under control.
- Mike explained why the odors are gone which include: balancing the well field vacuum to better extract and capture the landfill gases; dewatering the site; and out of state sludge is not be taken.
- AD personnel is patrolling the area, checking for any odors. Right now there are no odors coming from the landfill. If there are any that arise, he will fix them.
- There were eight odor complaints this week, and it was confirmed by a separate group that the odors were not coming from the landfill.
- AD has hired a certified groundwater expert to address any groundwater concerns. Samples have been submitted to the State for testing and review. Mike has had no feedback from the State about the results.
- On-site staff has been trained to better manage and improve the gas collection system.

General Comments included:

- MLI operations on Green-UP Day will continue as before.
- By reducing the trash intake to only residential and recycling there will be enough cell capacity to last until Cell 4 is permitted, if the State allows the landfill to remain open for that amount of time.

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- MLI has hired independent firms Tech Environmental and Weston Sampson, who are monitoring air quality complaints. Calls are responded to within a short amount of time.
- Air quality testing was submitted to the State. AD has had no reply from the State as to their acceptance.
- Comment that there may be no odors at this time because there is no trash coming in. Mike explained that the odor was from gas, not from trash.
- Concerns about water wells and streams being contaminated by the landfill, now and in the future.
- Possibly mandating in the Host Agreement between the town and the landfill, that testing of nearby water sources be done regularly.
- The PPL gas system has been improved.
- MLI expects a decision on the appeal around July 15th.
- A decision on the cell 4 application could take longer.

The board thanked Advanced Disposal for their effort to inform the board and the public about what is happening with the landfill. They also thanked AD for donating rock again this year for road projects.

A copy of the Moretown Landfill Fact Sheet can be found in full context at the Moretown town office.

Martha Douglass – Later in the meeting Martha gave note to prior selectboard meeting minutes which she said indicate that ANR did not consider submittals from Advanced Disposal during the recertification process. She then presented a letter from ANR Deputy Secretary Justin Johnson, regarding public comment ANR received during the process of evaluating the Moretown Landfill for recertification of cell 3. Justin’s letter states that all public comment, including those comments from MLI, were reviewed and included in the issuance of the March 14, 2013 denial.

The board will look at the meeting minutes Martha is referring to, and read Mr. Johnson’s letter and respond accordingly.

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Other business:

Mud season road closures – Rae said because of the vehicle traffic on Lynch Hill; Herring Brook; etc. he recommends closing certain class IV roads and trails to vehicular traffic until the mud dries up. Reed will give Martin the list and ask him to put up signage closing the roads.

Town hall elevator repair – Tom reported speaking with Bob Weber of Accessibility Systems, Inc., about the condition of the elevator and how long the unit should last. Bob said the elevator is good quality and should last quite a while longer. When asked about installing a ramp, Bob said he doesn't think a ramp will work because of ADA standards. Also because there has been access to the basement via the elevator, the town must retain that level of access.

Bob is ordering the elevator parts; they should be here in 4-6 weeks. The town will need to find a contractor to install the door.

250th Birthday Celebration of Moretown's Charter – Rae provided a handout of the celebration activities happening May 23-May26. A copy of the handout can be found on the town website at moretownvt.org

Box culvert replacement on Route 100B –The State will enlarge a box culvert under the bridge near Old Gulf Road in Moretown Village. Post Irene testing indicated the 4' X 4' box was undersized; and will be replaced with a 9' X 5' concrete box. Although no work will be done to the bridge itself, the State anticipates the bridge will be closed for four days while the contractor works underneath it and on the approaches. Traffic will be detoured. The construction will happen this summer. The board signed the easement deed. A complete set of plans are available at the town office.

Warrant #23 was approved as submitted.

Overload permits were approved for Walker Construction and Haskins & Assoc.

Rae moved to adjourn at 6:45; Michelle seconded. All were in favor.