

Town of Moretown  
Office of the SELECTBOARD

**Draft** – Notice of unapproved minutes of the 10/5/15 Selectboard meeting

Board members present: Michelle Beard, Jason Aronowitz, Rae Washburn, John Hoogenboom

Guests included: Lisa Ransom, Scott Baughman, Martha Douglass, Martin Cameron, John Malter, Jonathan Siegel, Reed Henry, Cheryl Brown as assistant to the board.

John called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**Public Comment:** None tonight.

**Reports & Communication, Announcements:**

**Screening at sand pit** - Cheryl relayed for Tom Martin, contact from Kelly Reagan and Sandra Reagan that they are opposed to moving the sand pit entrance closer to their residence. Tom's recommendation is to do as Dan Harris mentioned at the last meeting, to put trees/screening near on his property as a noise screening.

Discussion followed; that no matter where the sand pit access is, the noise could impact neighbors. The solution may be to plant additional trees by the yews, such as arborvitaes that are more resilient to the placement conditions. John will get more information on pricing etc.

**Waterbury Rotary donation** – John reported that the Waterbury Rotary is interested in donating time to help the town with a project. Perhaps they could help plant the trees at the sand pile. More later after John gets more information on the pricing etc. for the arborvitaes.

John moved to enter into executive session at 6:12 pm. for labor relation agreements with an employee whereby premature public knowledge would place the town and person involved at a disadvantage. Michelle seconded. All were in favor. Martin was invited to stay.

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Rae moved; Jason seconded to exit executive session at 6:29 pm.

Rae moved, effective today that Martin will be paid \$24 per hour and Rodney will be paid \$20 per hour. Michelle seconded. No discussion. All were in favor.

**John Malter** was in to talk about the Mad River Resource Management Alliance (MRRMA) budget, and about the town adopting the required Variable Rate Pricing Ordinance.

Ordinance: John M. spoke about the legislative mandate recycling law, saying that Moretown is one of three towns that have not adopted the solid waste ordinance. Most towns simply used the model furnished by ANR, and recommended that Moretown do the same.

Michelle moved to sign the ANR Variable Rate Pricing Ordinance. John seconded. Vote: Michelle, Jason, and John H. were in favor. Rae opposed. Motion passed.

Jason noted that he considered voting no, but instead asked for suggestions on how to send a more effective message to the State from Moretown that the town is unhappy with Act 148, versus refusing to adopt the mandatory ordinance.

2016 proposed Budget: John M. explained line items in the MRRMA budget. Moretown's 2016 payment due will be \$9,948, a \$3,316 increase over 2015. The administration budget reflects that John M. will work about 27 hours per week, a total of 160 hours increase from 2015. The budget also included a significant increase in hours for educational purposes.

**Highway Department vacancy interviews** – David Cinelli scheduled for a 7:00 pm. interview didn't show. Reed Henry scheduled for a 7:20 pm. interview was present and the interview proceeded with Martin present.

**Henry Erickson – clerk of the works for the town office project** came in to discuss a couple of items that have come up that need Board approval for the project to continue.

First was to address concrete and rebar found in the side of the building on the street side. Henry explained what needs to be done and provided a Construction Change Directive for approval. Costs for most of the items were stated in the Contract.

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The one product item that was not included in the contract will be negotiated by Henry, and once done Henry will sign the directive.

Michelle moved to authorize Henry Erickson to sign the Construction Change Directive #1, once he has negotiated prices on behalf of the town. Rae seconded. All were in favor.

Second was approval of change order #1, which relates to Alternate DAS #7 –insulation. Item #7 was deleted from the contract with a \$10,647 decrease. It was later realized during detail discussions that the 2x12 top chords were not deep enough to provide the required R value of a hybrid system. The change order amounts to \$7,207.90 and adjusts to add a truss package, bracing, and additional 3” of cellulose.

Rae moved; Jason seconded, to approve change order #1 for 7,207.90. All were in favor.

**Other:** Henry is waiting for direction from GMP about how the primary electric line will connect; concrete will be poured tomorrow; Henry is on vacation for two weeks beginning this Saturday.

**Approval of the 9/21/15 meeting minutes** – Michelle moved; Rae seconded, to approve the minutes of 9/21/15 as written. All were in favor.

### **Old Business:**

**Mediation for the appeal of the revocation of Grow Compost Solid Waste Certification** – was cancelled. There has been no word since and nothing proposed.

**Sand pile screening** – was discussed earlier in communication. John will talk with Ed more about planting arborvitaes.

**Blodgett hearing decision** – Final review of the draft decision written by Paul Gillies of the Selectboard’s decision from the 8/17/15 site visit and hearing for relocation of the access for trail #49 – Blodgett trail, commenced. The decision was to decline the relocation. There was no further discussion at this time. The decision was signed.

**Locks on the thermostats** – Cheryl will check with Becky about the status to put locks on the thermostats and leave the setting at 68 degrees.

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**Rae moved to enter into executive session at 8:20 pm** to discuss the application and interview of Reed Henry for the road crew. John seconded. All were in favor. Cheryl stayed.

John moved out of executive session at 8:29 pm. Jason seconded. All were in favor.

**John moved to enter into executive session at 8:30 pm** to discuss labor relations. Jason seconded. All were in favor.

Rae moved out of executive session at 8:47 pm. John seconded. All were in favor.

**Signed:** John will be the delegated voter at the Town Fair.

Warrants - # 49 Charles O. Davis Fund

# 50 P/R e-check # 2015-2025

# 51 A/P check # 17205-17224

Rae moved to adjourn at 8:52 pm. Michelle seconded. All were in favor.