

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

Draft – Unapproved minutes of the 5/2/16 Selectboard meeting

Board members present: Tom Martin, Rae Washburn, John Hoogenboom, Jason Aronowitz. Michelle Beard absent.

Guests included: Liz Harris, Hazel Harris, Martin Cameron, Mimi Clark as assistant to the board.

5:30- Walk around town sand pile to address noise problem presented by town trucks for Harris residence.

The discussion initiated by Liz Harris centered on the noise problem and flying sand/stone particles posed by the town trucks loading sand at 5:30 in the morning and waking her household. There was discussion about how the town used to load on the back side of the pile which was far less noisy, but largely because of flooding concerns the entrance to the pile was switched to the road side. Various locations for berms and trees to be planted on both sides of the road were discussed as well as a possible move of the north entrance to the town sand pile a short distance to the south.

6:00- Walk around the town garage for maintenance needs-Noted was:

Front doors to be stained.

Entire building to be pressure washed.

Nicks in front doors to be repaired.

Ditch line along south side to be dug up.

The furnace “guts” are working a lot according to Martin Cameron and the repair man who gave an estimate of \$2,200.00 to refurbish but it is not urgent. The thermostat is set at 66 and it was toasty in the garage.

The dirt around the building is too high overall and needs to be altered.

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Tom called the meeting to order at 6:35 on Monday May 2, 2016 in the town hall.

Highway Business:

Bridge washing - Martin Cameron thanked the fire department for helping to wash the new bridges, like the Spillway Bridge.

Grader - The grader went to Nortrax today to repair the circle drive and the PTO driven fan knuckle scuffed a hydraulic hose. There was no way to easily drain the tank before sending it, they will do it there. There is an exhaust leak. The grader does burn oil but it is not from a leak. It has 5,000 hours on it which is according to many at John Deere, a benchmark for service. Hopefully it will only be a week to ten days in the shop. There was some discussion as to what machinery on hand can substitute while the grader is being repaired.

Excavator - The excavator circle drive was fixed last week. The pump wasn't the problem but the seals were out, front and back. Other than the circle, they found nothing else wrong. It has been running since then and seems fine; Martin said he is staying at or under budget.

2007 truck - Martin went to TENCO with the 2007 truck; his intention is to get another season out of it for an estimated \$5,000.00 of maintenance this year. Now would be a good time to act according to Martin as the road crew is not too busy from climate demands.

School ditching - Ditching around the school is to be incorporated with the town clerk's building and municipal parking lot.

Mowing - Cory Kathan plowed the parking lot and will be mowing. The school is excited about having the town do the ditching. RFP was brought up by Martin. Tom said it would be better to do it the way it has been planned.

4-day work week - Martin: could he and his crew could go to ten hour days now as they feel that they can get more done with longer days.

Summers work projects - Tom: What type of work do you have planned for the summer?

Martin: Rip rap jobs, stream embankment fortification. There's free rip rap at the land fill. It would be good if they could get it done as soon as possible.

Tom: Old 100B?

Martin: It's similar to the sidewalk situation; it's too costly to grind it up. The Middlesex side has gouges. Ditching and culverts are on the list.

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Jason: Erosion control work, can you take pictures.

Martin nodded affirmatively: I'm learning about Act 64.

Rae: Polyethylene pipe instead of metal pipe?

Martin: It's a different plastic, the black. With freezing you lose the structural integrity. It's a poor product for use on roads. Gray plastic is more rigid, no pinholes but it can crack if you drop it.

Vermont River Conservancy - Tom noted that the representative from the Vermont River Conservancy, Lydia Menendez was not present.

John: She may have missed us (when we were outside). May 20th is a tree planting workday at the Rte. 2 site. John has a list of trees available for wetland planting.

Act 64 workshop – John mentioned an upcoming workshop on ACT 64 in Waterbury and that May 5th is another Watershed Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Investments - Jason: Beth Pierce in 2004 voted down for the State Treasurer to handle Bankers' Association investments for municipalities.

Blodgett litigation – Paul Gillies is back from vacation and Tom spoke with him about being threatened like he was.

The attorney said not to get protection but he will get back in a couple of weeks. The town has no interest in putting this board in jeopardy.

Approval of the 4/18/16 minutes – Rae moved to approve the minutes from the 4/18/2016 meeting. Jason seconded. Discussion: John asked for a change to the personnel policy (part of the minutes); where the term deductible is used for the \$1,250.00, it should be replaced with - maximum out of pocket cost.

It changed when other revisions to the personnel policy are done. A vote was taken to approve the minutes. All were in favor.

There was no new business and nothing for the board to sign tonight.

Tom moved to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Rae seconded. All were in favor.