

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

DRAFT - Notice of unapproved minutes of the 9/6/16 Selectboard meeting

Board members present were: Tom, Jason, Rae, Michelle, John

Guests included: Sheila Getzinger, Paula Woods, Chris Keating, Duane Pierson, Rita LaRocca, Clark Amadon, Gary Butler, Dave Reed, Cheryl Brown as assistant to the board

Tom called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm at the new town office building.

Public Comment Period:

Sheila Getzinger was here tonight to see what date the Board decides for the revote. She also had questions about the letter that was sent by the board in February to delinquent taxpayers. Question and answer discussion followed regarding: who got the February letter; who it was sent to; the goal of the letter; and why the letter was sent in the first place.

Duane Pierson came in to volunteer to be on the Recreation Committee to help out with the recreation field repair etc. Michelle also volunteered to help. The board was happy to have a recreation committee again. Anne Greshin will be invited to the next meeting to talk about the use of Moretown's soccer field. Rae agreed to help out with any technical business, such as drainage repairs.

Rita LaRocca came in to talk about the landscaping as it related to the garden club ladies, and provided a letter from the group. They regret the town's decision to go through with the unnecessary expense of the day lilies that will impossible for them to maintain. They urge the town to slowly move the day lilies and fill in the area to a more gradual slope so it can be mowed. The group would also like a designated point person from the Selectboard to deal with during their planting, for better communications than was had with Henry Erickson.

The landscaping plan per the DRB approval will be followed, as well as added non-invasive type plantings. Sarah Holland is a professional landscaper, who they are happy to report is on board and will provide her services bro bono, to create a plan and advise the group.

There will be a site visit on 9/15/16 at 3:30 pm to meet before the scheduled 9/21/16 planting. Rae was designated the point person, and plans to attend on 9/15.

The public is encouraged to donate plants.

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Clark Amadon came in to be sure the board wants to move forward with the request for an extension of the deadline on the Community Development grant for the town office. The board definitely wants an extension. Discussion followed that the extension is needed for cost efficiency to deal with the design, repairs, and paving of the parking lot.

The board thanked Clark for all of his hard work to make the new town office happen.

Reports & Communication, Announcements:

Park & Ride grant was submitted. Clark thinks the grant could be used to cover the engineering costs associated with renovation of the parking lot.

PSB draft guidelines – Jason reported speaking with Karen Horn who thinks it’s a good idea for the Moretown PC to participate with the other valley towns for review of the draft of new guidelines for solar projects when they become available soon.

Morefest Celebration – It was a disappointment that the September 1st edition of the Valley Reporter didn’t cover the August 27th Morefest celebration in the last issue. The celebration was eight months in the planning, was a huge success and lots of fun. It was told the fireworks display was comparable to the July 4th Warren show.

Jason suggested possibly having bingo next year.

Approval of the 8/15/16 minutes:

Jason would like a line added on page #5, when Tom told Sheila how he thought calling people in her Front Porch Forum article Illiterate..... ***“Jason said that Tom was mischaracterizing what Sheila had written”.***

Rae moved to accept the 8/15/16 minutes as amended; Michelle seconded. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Screening plantings Harris/sand pile/Schultz – John has the arborvitae ordered – 25 of the 6’ trees (\$75 ea) and 15 of the 4-5’ trees (\$50 ea). The planting is scheduled for 9/17/16. John will touch base with the Harris’s to be sure they are on board. The Schultz’s are ready.

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John will call Liz and Dan Harris to be sure they are on board with the planting of trees on their property, scheduled to happen on Saturday, 9/17/16.

Town Office drainage and other issues –

- the ditch running from the middle of the parking lot to the field needs stone
- punch list items – lights sensors, sound proofing, overhead window between meeting room and town clerk’s office is needed, as well as various other punch list items. Cheryl will get an updated listing, and talk with Bill Gallup about the soundproofing and overhead window.

New Business –

Vote date – The date for the revote on the Delinquent Tax Collector article will be 10/11/16. There will be an informational meeting held on 10/3/16. Both events will take place at the new town offices in Moretown village.

Subdivision regulations – will be voted on in March at Town Meeting. In the meantime the board will review the draft regulations and communicate any concerns or questions to the Planning Commission as they are currently in the process of final review. Once a final draft is handed over to the Selectboard, public meeting will begin.

Website update needed – John mentioned and other agreed, that the website needs to be cleaned up. JB Weir is the web administrator. Michelle will meet with JB and offer her help to get this long overdue process done.

Documents for signature: Overload permit; Curb cut permit; Better Back Road grant agreement for identifying erosion areas; Sidewalk grant reimbursement request and Change Order #5 – drip edge drainage \$730

Warrants approved: #16045 – ck# 17997-18001 eck#2249-2257 (ck#18008-18033 not on this warrant)

#16046 – ck#18053-18070 (ck#18051-18052 not issued)

#16047 – ck# 18071-18102

#16048 – eck# 2258-2268 (eck2269 was voided)

#16049 – ck# 18002-18007

Note: ck# 18034-18050 were voided (new copier malfunction during printing)

Michelle moved; Rae seconded to adjourn at 7:50 pm. All were in favor.