

Town of Moretown

Office of the SELECT BOARD

Draft – Unapproved minutes of the 11/14/11 Selectboard meeting

Board members present: John Hoogenboom, Stephanie Venema, Tom Martin, Clark Amadon, Reed Korrow

Guests included: Martin Cameron, Rodney Huntoon, Guy Martin, Rob Roberts, Cheryl Brown as assistant to the board

John called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and moved to enter into executive session for the purpose of having employee evaluations. Stephanie seconded. All were in favor.

John moved; seconded by Reed to come out of executive session at 7:20 p.m. All were in favor.

Blodgett trail survey – Guy Martin came in tonight to let the board know that he believes the Blodgett's called State Game Wardens reporting that unregistered and uninspected vehicles were traveling a town trail. Guy said once the Game Warden found out that the vehicles were only hunters going to their deer camp, he was fine.

Guy asked to see Travis Blodgett's waste water permit for the septic system that he recently installed on his Cox Brook property. If the town doesn't have a copy, Guy will get a copy from the State Waste Water Division.

Guy asked the status of the survey of the Blodgett legal trail.

American Consulting Engineering & Surveyors (ACES) are waiting for the land records to come back so they can finish up the survey research, and then provide a mylar. Cheryl will call ACES and let them know the land records will be back next week.

Reed suggested meeting at the Blodgett trail once the pins have been put in place so the selectboard can document their placement for future reference.

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Tom reported speaking with Calvin and Travis Blodgett, saying they would welcome the town dumping fill on the trail so it could be graded.

The board will wait until the survey is done and the location of the trail is determined, before deciding to dump any fill.

McGibbons Road Class IV portion – Reed mentioned a portion of McGibbons road that the town maintains that leads into Northfield. Reed wonders if the town should think about discontinuing that portion of road since the only house on the road is in Northfield.

Stephanie said there are other roads that should be looked at too because they have similar circumstances, so perhaps all roads should be studied.

Town Office placement – Clark talked about having a town forum in December that could be simply be to relay the information from the Planning Commission study.

An email sent to the selectboard from Kaj Samson of the schoolboard was discussed. Kaj said that the selectboard should make a formal statement as soon as possible, that the town is interested in moving the town offices to the school and ask that the schoolboard prepare an analysis of if/how this might work.

Clark moved; seconded by Stephanie that the selectboard is interested in facility sharing with the Moretown Elementary School, and request that the schoolboard prepare an analysis of how the placement of the town offices in the school building would look, what the financial impacts might be, concerns / data / ideas, and written findings and/or plan for the selectboard to review. All were in favor. John will contract Kaj and let him know of the board's motion.

2012 town budget – Rob provided an updated draft of the budget. Discussion included how to handle flood expenses, updating the capital budget, landfill revenue anticipated in 2012. Departments will be offered time at a special meeting on November 28th to discuss their proposed budgets. In the meantime, Rob will continue to update the budget draft as he gets information.

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11/28/11 special meeting – There will be a special meeting on 11/28/11 to give department leads five minutes to come and explain their proposal for the 2012 budget. Departments will be contacted about the offer and invited to schedule a time to come in.

John moved; seconded by Clark to enter into executive session at 9:05, to discuss personnel related matters. All were in favor.

John moved; seconded by Stephanie to come out of executive session at 9:20. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20.