

Town of Moretown
Office of the SELECT BOARD

Draft – Notice of unapproved minutes of the 11/28/11 selectboard meeting

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

Guests included: Stuart Grandfield, Lisa Samsom, Deborah Feldman, Tom Allen, Karen Horn, and Cheryl Brown as assistant to the board

Stuart Grandfield –

Temporary help - Jeff Baker will help out again this year as a temporary employee for this winter’s plowing season.

Paul Tartaglia - wondered why his road wasn’t plowed early in the morning the last snow storm. Stuart said the roads are soft and it was dark out, so he decided to plow the road with the one-ton, rather than the big truck, at about 7:30 a.m.

Ward Brook box culvert bids were opened and the results are as follows:

E.A. Grandfield -	#23	\$68,426
	#28	\$62,855
DuBois Construction -	#23	\$78,553
	#28	\$94,845
Walker Construction -	#23	\$94,000
	#28	\$99,500

John moved; seconded by Stephanie to accept the bid as submitted E.A. Grandfield for installation of two box culverts on Ward Brook Road.

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Moretown Mountain Road – Stuart will ask Tom Anderson from VTrans, to inspect the flood repairs done to the Mountain Road by E.A. Grandfield, before paying the invoice.

Lover's Lane Road – Bids were opened to repair a portion of Lover's Lane Road damaged in the flood. The only bid received was from Walker Construction for \$10,700.

John moved; seconded by Clark to accept the bid of \$10,700 from Walker Construction for damage done to the river bank by the August flood. All were in favor.

Wade Road – John reported that when plowing Wade Road, Dennis Bache dug up a part of Butternut Hill.

Flood repair materials – Stuart is purchasing materials for flood repairs as they will be 75% reimbursed by FEMA, and saving the gravel extracted for road projects next year once it has been crushed.

Culvert cleaning – Stuart said he asked Sean O'Brien for help to flush out two culverts. Sean said he would help, but Stuart hasn't heard back from Sean. Stuart asked for permission to use the fire truck to get the culverts cleaned because there is rain coming. Tom told Stuart that he will call Sean.

Old Route 100B – There has been requests to fill in the pavement on Old Route 100B. There is grass growing in the road, holes need to be filled in, and the ditches need to be cleaned out before winter.

There was discussion about filling the holes with staymat; grinding up the old pavement and making the road a dirt surface; and about filling in the holes with cold patch. Clark will talk with the residents on the road and see what their ideas are.

Soap Stone Road – will be plowed by the town again this year, but not necessarily next year.

Maintenance on class IV roads/road policy - needs to be looked at soon. There are some that the town may consider discontinuing snow plowing by the town; some class III roads that may be reclassified to class IV; and a road policy needs to be adopted by spring.

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Deborah Feldman – Zoning Administrator budget for 2012 –

Deborah said her proposal included an increase in pay to \$24,000 per year for 24 hour/week, and health insurance. This is due to increased responsibilities of the Moretown website; working with the E-911 coordinator to update and correct the current listing; and the increased hours that will continue to be necessary as people rebuild after Tropical Storm Irene. The remainder of the budget would remain the same. Deborah explained that she meets with people who need help filling out zoning applications, especially for the flood repairs.

The board thanked Deborah for all of her hard work during and after the flood, to help people with zoning needs.

John mentioned that the 24 hours/week would trigger the need for the town to pay retirement, and asked if the website work was taken away if 20 hours would be sufficient to get the zoning work done. Deb said yes, and she would be happy with \$20,000 per year pay.

Lisa Samsom – Library budget for 2012 –

Lisa said the additional \$2,000 to the library budget amounts to ongoing expenses (DSL and memberships) relating to the automation for the website/online serves not covered by the grant. If the extra is not budgeted, there is a chance there will be four computers (acquired via the grant) that are not used. Online services will provide the ability to see if a book is available online, and offer incredible resources. Other discussion included:

- There are 400 plus card holders at the Moretown Library
- “Listen up Vermont” is a source for e-books, the same as a library. Moretown pay’s yearly for this service availability
- The Historical Society needs to determine what they want to do with their stuff that is being stored upstairs in the library. If that space was available, it could be used for office / training space, and a place to display old books etc.

2012 Budget work – commenced. A revised draft from Rob will be reviewed by the board and changes made at the 12/5 meeting.

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Town Hall repairs – There was discussion about what to put on the downstairs walls and in the bathrooms. John has the list of repairs, and will write an outline of what they are. There was also discussion about turning the town hall into office space.

Reed moved; seconded by Stephanie to adjourn at 9:30 p.m.