Town of Moretown Office of the Select Board Moretown Town Hall

Draft – Notice of unapproved minutes of the 5/2/12 selectboard meeting, held for the purpose of meeting with Moretown's Health Officer about a public health concern at The Commons, and to sign selectboard orders presented tonight for approval.

Board members present were: Tom Martin, John Hoogenboom, Reed Korrow, Michelle Beard. Clark Amadon arrived at 6:30 p.m.

Guests included: Matt Klein, Mike Lorraine, Steve Young, Sean O'Brien, Richard Valentinetti, Amy Bolger, and Cheryl Brown as assistant to the board

Tom called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Commons Association members introduced themselves as: Matt Klein – Common Association President; Steve Young as Secretary; and Mike Lorraine of Technical Planning & Management Company, Inc. Mike provided a packet of correspondence with The Commons occupant who is the subject of tonight's discussion, between the years 2003 and 2012. The information in the packet relates to the Condominium Rules, Regulations and Bylaws as they relate to garbage and odors emanating from the occupants apartment. Photographs taken during an inspection were also left with the selectboard.

Also submitted tonight for evidence were letters from Bonnie Hanna and Rachel Corey, Commons residents in units near the offending occupant apartment, stating atrocious odors from rubbish, waste, and toxins, have been nearly constant for the last seven years. Also stated was the findings of small worms that developed into flying bugs, found in closets.

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Dick Valentinetti gave a brief overview of his experience with this situation over the years. He said in 2009 he issued a health order, but the resident didn't pick up the certified letter, nor did he answer the door when the Sheriff tried to hand deliver the health order.

Discussion followed about: smoke detectors that have been disconnected; prior clean-ups that were done by the children of the subject; contacting State agencies to try and get the subject help and support to clean-up his apartment; the outcome of prior inspections; the possibility that the town may need to get legal help for public safety; and that the unit is directly attached to other units so other's lives are being impacted by this problem. Steve ended by saying that this is more than a nuisance, it is a health and safety issue as this apartment is essentially a dumpster.

Dick mentioned the need for a deputy health officer and asked Amy Bolger to come in tonight. Amy said she will talk with Dick about what the job involves, after that if she is interested, she will write a letter of interest.

Tom moved; seconded by John, to enter into executive session at 6:45 p.m., to discuss a clear and imminent public safety concern with Moretown's Health Officer. Amy Bolger was invited to stay for the discussion as a potential Deputy Health Officer, as was Cheryl Brown as the board's assistant. All were in favor.

Tom moved; seconded by John, to come out of executive session at 7:00 p.m. All were in favor.

There were no warrants tonight.

Tom moved; seconded by John, to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. All were in favor.