

Town of Moretown
Office of the SELECT BOARD

DRAFT – Notice of unapproved minutes of the May 7, 2012 selectboard meeting

Board members present were: Tom Martin, Clark Amadon, Michelle Beard, Reed Korrow, John Hoogenboom

Guests included: Grant (Jed) Nelson, Dean Moulton, Ray Munn, Caitrin Noel from The Friends of the Mad River, Andres Torizzo from Watershed Consulting Associates, Jonathan Siegel, and Cheryl Brown as assistant to the board.

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

Public Comment:

Raymond Munn –

Flood supplies – Ray said he cleaned out his shed and took flood supplies/blankets to the fire station, but he didn't find any tarps.

Bridge Road bridge #41 – Ray asked if money has been spent to buy the bridge yet. The board answered no, just the rental. Ray asked if we could buy the temporary bridge? The answer was we probably could but we won't for a couple of reasons; one it doesn't meet State Standards, and two temporary bridges do not hold up according to our bridge engineer from DuBois & King.

Bridge Road #24 Class IV section - Ray said he has maps from 1996-2011 (which he left) that show the road before and after the barn addition was put on. He thinks the road has been moved a half dozen times. Ray showed what he meant to the board, and said he thinks the road should be open to the public.

Clark understands this is a class IV road but when he looks at the map he sees the road being used to hay etc., rather than for public use.

Ray went on to say that he understood the deal was when they got their permit that the Sainsbury's were to supply the town with a survey.

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John said Sheila Getzinger was the zoning administrator at the time. The board did meet and at that time it was decided the road would be moved closer to the arena area.

Tom said the topic will be on a future agenda after the board has a chance to review the file.

Jed Nelson – from 206 Cobb Hill Road – came in tonight to talk about a drainage problem on Cobb Hill. He said some of the culverts have washed out and drainage has become an issue. Also there is a damaged retaining wall, and old tires used for fill in the past that have shifted and created a hole. Jed has been told the culvert is his responsibility and wonders if he needs a permit from the town to replace the culvert.

John said if the town road is creating damage to private property, the town should fix the road.

Jed is at the intersection of Cobb Hill Road and Fairground Road.

The road crew will look at the area this week and someone will get back to Jed.

Approval of minutes:

4/16/12 – Michelle moved; seconded by Clark to approve the minutes of 4/16/12. Michelle, Clark, John and Reed were in favor. Tom abstained as he was absent for that meeting.

Reports & Communication, Announcements –

Ray Munn – called with concerns that the culvert work that Mr. Worrell wants to do adjacent to the Moretown Common Road, will put more water onto his property. According to Ray, Stuart gave Worrell permission to replace a culvert on his property, and dig across the Common Road. The culvert is larger than the one there now which dumps water onto Ray's already wet property. Ray would like the selectboard to look at the area before any work is done.

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Cheryl will notify Mr. Worrell/his contractor that he will need to apply for a Road Maintenance Permit from the selectboard if he does indeed plan to work in a town right of way, and this must be done before any work can begin.

Washington County Sheriff's Department – gave notice that their mileage rate has raised to \$0.61.

Sheila Getzinger email re: Berlin Roads – Sheila's email told about an experience she had with the Berlin Policeman, as she was proceeding to see a client on Crosstown Road. She passed a sign that said "Closed to thru traffic". She proceeded to see her client and was stopped by Officer Clark of the Berlin Police Department. Sheila's letter explained that she indicated to Officer Clark that she was an attorney and only going as far her client's home, but because of Rules of Ethics, she could not give him the name of her client. Officer Clark gave her a \$214 ticket. Sheila asked that the Moretown Selectboard speak with the Berlin Selectboard about this issue.

The selectboard will not contact the Berlin Selectboard as they feel they have no control over what Berlin does with their roads.

Laura Gans email re: request to lower the speed limit on US Route 2 in Moretown - Laura's letter requested the selectboard ask VTrans to study the stretch of US 2 between the Route 100 intersection and Gallagher Acres.

Tom moved; seconded by Clark, to draft a letter to the Vermont Agency of Transportation, requesting a traffic study be done to lower the speed limit from the Middlesex town line to the Duxbury/Waterbury town line on US Route 2 in Moretown. All were in favor.

Matthew Moody – purchased property on the Class IV portion of Hog Hollow Road, and asked that the town relieve him of the publication fee and the DRB hearing fee. Mr. Moody states his status as being a veteran of both Iraq and Afghanistan, and is presently a student at Norwich University, leaving little time for work.

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John moved; seconded by Michelle, to waive all but \$100 of Matthew Moody's fees for a DRB hearing.

Discussion – the \$100 is the out of pocket fees charged to advertise the hearing. All were in favor.

DRB interested parties - People who expressed interested in serving on the Moretown Development Review Board will come to the 5/21/12 selectboard meeting.

Caitrin Noel and Andres Torizzo

Road erosion study –Caitrin and Andres came in tonight to talk about a road erosion assessment that was done in the watershed area and remediation options. Andres gave a brief overview. They used existing geographic data already mapped, to pinpoint potential erosion areas and prioritized by sites that were ones that would impact water quality. The report was left with the selectboard so they can rank road infrastructure and water quality issues for possible summers work. Better Back Roads grants that are due in September, would suit some of the projects nicely.

Caitrin said she may have information for homeowner with erosion repair grants that she will pass along too.

River cleanup – Caitrin said the Friends of the Mad River will continue cleaning up the river banks.

OLD BUSINESS:

Class IV road plan – Reed and Stuart will classify all class IV roads according to A, B, or C, as defined on the road plan draft, then give the information back to the selectboard by June 4th.

There was discussion about discontinuing services on Soapstone Road. The board will ask Karen Horn if this year's Legislative session addressed the issue of lenders being able to cancel a mortgage if the town stops town services on the road in which their home is.

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Bank slide on TH #5 Hathaway Road (back side of the Common Road) – Reed reported that Norm Andrews will have an estimate by the 5/21/12 meeting, for repairing the bank slide.

CVRPC representative for Moretown – Possibly one of the parties interested in being the DRB would be interested in being Moretown’s representative on the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission. The board will talk about it with the people when they come in on 5/21/12.

Town Office Committee meeting update – Clark gave an update:

- The next meeting will be on 5/10/12
- The properties being considered include the Kingsbury property; a new building on the old site; Moretown Landfill property; Wilcox property (post office building); recreation field area on town owned land; Fox Farm Run area on town owned land
- The committee thinks it is may be time for the opinion of an engineer. Ray Daigle will be at the 5/10 meeting to talk about his ideas/perspective.
- Clark expects by the end of summer the committee should be down to 2 or 3 site options and will have firm suggestions by Thanksgiving

Investment of town monies – Don LaRocca left information on investment options for the town savings for the board to review. Don would like the board to decide whether or not he should proceed.

HOST AGREEMENT – Jonathan Siegel – Jonathan came in to discuss with the board negotiations for a new Host Town Agreement for the Moretown Landfill.

Tom moved; seconded by Clark, to enter into executive session at 8:10 p.m. to discuss contract negotiation options for the Host Agreement, whereby premature public knowledge would clearly place the town, or persons involved at a disadvantage. All were in favor. Jonathan and the board’s assistant were invited to stay for the discussion

Tom moved; seconded by Reed, to come out of executive session at 8:45 p.m. All were in favor.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Inspection of an apartment at The Commons – There will be an inspection of an apartment at The Commons on 5/10/12. If the inspection doesn't solve the problem, Tom will talk with Paul Gillies about how the Town should proceed.

Lord property on US Route 2 – Michelle will contact Rick and Peggy Lord about getting them help to clean up their flooded property. Michelle will schedule a cleanup date if they are interested. She will also respond to an email from Martha Douglass letting the town know that the Lord's may need some help.

Green Up Day help - The Select Board sends a "thank you" to all of the people who organized and helped with the cleanup, including flood cleanup, on Green Up Day.

Ward Brook box culverts – The box culverts for Ward Brook are made and sitting in Milton ready to be installed by E.A. Grandfield, but we don't know for sure that FEMA will pay for box culverts rather than less expensive steel culverts. It appears the project worksheets (PW's) submitted have been lost by FEMA. For now, the project is on hold.

John moved; seconded by Reed, to enter into executive session at 9:10 p.m. for the appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee. All were in favor. The board's assistant was invited to stay for the discussion.

Tom moved: seconded by Michelle, to come out of executive session at 10:00 p.m. All were in favor.

Reed will ask Stuart to attend a special meeting on Wednesday, May 16th at 8:00 a.m. at the town hall.

Invoices were reviewed and warrant numbers 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 were approved by the board.

Overload permits were approved.

Clark moved; seconded by Michelle to adjourn at 10:15 p.m. All were in favor.