

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

DRAFT – Notice of unapproved minutes of the 5/21/12 selectboard meeting

Board members present were: Tom Martin, Reed Korrow, Clark Amadon, John Hoogenboom. Michelle Beard was absent for tonight’s meeting.

Guests: David Russo, Don LaRocca, Cheryl Brown

Approval of minutes:

5/2/12 and 5/7/12 – Clark moved; seconded by Tom, to approve the minutes of 5/2/12 and 5/7/12. All were in favor.

5/16/12 – Clark moved; seconded by Tom, to approve the minutes of 5/16/12. Clark, Tom and Reed were in favor. John abstained from voting as he was absent for the 5/16 meeting. Motion passed.

Reports & Communication, Announcements:

Trucks running during school bus hours – John mentioned that an empty flatbed hauled by a E.A. Grandfield was traveling over the Common Road during school bus hours. Reminder of the school bus restriction will be put on Front Porch Forum and in the newspapers.

Cobb Hill culvert/drainage issue brought up by Jed Nelson - Reed will ask Stuart to check out the drainage problem this week.

OLD BUSINESS:

Town hall flood repairs – Rae Washburn is getting a quote for a hot water heater, and should be preparing a spec sheet for bids for repair to the kitchen. There should be a report from the Vermont Fire Marshall about what the town needs to do to have a “cooking” kitchen versus a “warming” kitchen as it was pre-Irene.

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The board agreed that if the kitchen is renovated to a full kitchen, the operation of the building will need to be restructured to utilize the facility.

Clark said he hopes the building is ready for the anniversary of the flood.

Tom said he will contact Rae about the spec sheet.

Insurance money received for repair of town buildings and contents – The town has received checks from our insurance for the town hall and the town office for the amount that the insurance adjuster estimated the flood damages to be. The board wants those monies set aside so that when the repairs are made, the monies are available for that purpose.

Blodgett trail survey – The card index still is not back from the restoration company. As soon as the town receives it, Paul Gillies will finish the title search for interested parties, and a visit at the trail site as surveyed can be warned. The survey done by American Consulting and Engineering Services will be finalized at that time also.

Class IV road classification – Stuart has the listing of all class IV roads and is defining them by category of importance as far as town maintenance goes. He will have the report to the board by their next meeting.

Soapstone Road - The discontinuance of town services on Soapstone Road, a private road but snowplowed by the town for the past several years, was discussed. It appears the legislature decided that lenders could not refuse mortgages in Vermont, based on whether or not the road was maintained by the town. Clark will talk with Karen Horn more about this.

In an effort to determine what it costs to maintain Soapstone Road, past snowplow bids were reviewed and found that about \$10,000 was the total of all bids to snowplow small roads currently being plowed by a town employee with the town pickup. Reports indicate it cost the town about \$8,000 to plow and sand all the small roads, including the labor and equipment costs, but it could not be determined what it specifically costs to plow/sand Soapstone Road.

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Development Review Board (DRB) member candidates – David Russo came in tonight because he is interested in being a member of the DRB. David said he moved to Moretown from Waterbury in 2010, and that he served on the Waterbury Planning Commission for five years and that he wants to have more involvement in Moretown business. David went on to give his perspective of zoning and planning in small town government, saying he thinks the biggest thing is helping citizens understand the purpose of bylaws and its process. Other parties interested in being on the DRB are Eric Howes and Tom Spencer. Neither was available to attend tonight’s meeting.

Tom moved; seconded by Clark, to appoint David Russo to the Moretown Development Review Board for a term of three years. All were in favor.

Development Review Board alternates – Paula Mastroberardino, Raymond Munn, and Eric Howes expressed interest in being reappointed as alternates on the DRB.

Tom moved; seconded by Clark, to appoint Paula Mastroberardino, Raymond Munn and Eric Howes as alternates on the DRB for a term of one year. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission representative from Moretown – Tom moved; seconded by Clark, to appoint Eric Howes as Moretown’s representative on the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission. All were in favor.

Investment Policy – Don LaRocca came in tonight to talk with the board about a draft investment policy that he prepared. Don said it is the selectboard’s responsibility to invest monies from the capital savings, just tell him how it should be invested and he will try to help.

The board wants Don to prepare an investment policy and goals with the planning commission for them to look at.

Don said the planning commission was initially involved, but is no longer. He would be glad to furnish investment criteria that outlines how and how much will be invested. Don said he could have a proposal ready for the 6/4 meeting.

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Tom moved; seconded by Clark, to have Don LaRocca prepare an outline strategy for an investment policy to the selectboard by 6/1/12. All were in favor.

Town highway #05 bank slide – This is the same site Michel LaPoint from NCRS looked at this fall and said it didn't qualify because the slide involved a town road. When FEMA looked at the slide, they said the repair didn't qualify for FEMA funding because it didn't involve a town road. The board will try to get both government engineers together and hash out what the repair involves – road or not.

Magill erosion from Tropical Storm Irene – Patrick Ross from ANR has determined a fault near the Magill's Herring Brook Road home, was caused by Irene. The Magill's asked the town to sponsor them so they could get a grant from NCRS for up to 75% of the \$60,000 estimated repair.

Tom moved; seconded by John that the town sponsor Stephen and Heidi Magill for a NCRS grant to repair the erosion near their home.

Discussion that the Magill's not the Town will be responsible for the other 25% of the cost of the repair. Vote: All were in favor.

Town Office Committee report by Clark – The committee is down to four sites: the Kingsbury village property, recreation field by the tennis courts, former town office site, and the Moretown Landfill property. The committee is looking forward to hearing Ray Daigle's perspective on the sites. The next meeting will be on May 31st.

Ward Brook box culverts – Patrick Ross of ANR agreed to write a letter to FEMA as to why box culverts are the only thing that will work at the two sites on Ward Brook where culverts were destroyed by Tropical Storm Irene. Hopefully this will ensure FEMA understands the need for the box culverts rather than less expensive pipe culverts.

Resurfacing roads – Moretown's roads need to have gravel put on them. It needs to be worked into the budget each year.

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Mountain Road ditching – Why is the ditch being stone lined so far up? Prior to the work being done, Stuart reviewed the work order from FEMA, which indicated the ditch would include 1,600 LF of stone. The work was done according to the FEMA work order and as paid for by FEMA.

Host Town Agreement – Clark will prepare a draft Host Agreement incorporating the selectboard’s discussions and ask Tom Badowski and Jonathan Siegel to come to the 6/18/12 selectboard meeting.

New Business:

Friends of the Mad River plantings – Friends of the Mad River will be doing plantings, which will include the big wall on Route 100B near Middlesex.

Arbor Day tree planting - The Rotary planted another tree on Arbor Day at the Moretown Elementary School.

Tom moved; seconded by Clark to adjourn tonight’s meeting at 8:40 p.m. All were in favor.