

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

Draft – Unapproved minutes of the 7/30/12 special meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Board members present were: Tom Martin, John Hoogenboom, Reed Korrow, Michelle Beard. Clark was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Guest included: Pete Bero from DuBois & King, Raymond Munn, Steve Magill, Craig Ciampi, Rachel Goff from The Valley Reporter, Eric Howes, and Cheryl Brown as board assistant

Tom called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Bridge replacement project:

Tom explaining that part of DuBois & King's job was to open and inspect the bids for accuracy; to be sure contractors followed the scope of work etc., and then recommend who they feel the selectboard should hire.

Pete gave an overview of the bid process: Bid packets were requested by 16 contractors – 9 showed for the 7/12 pre-bid hearing - 6 bids were received on July 26th and opened by Pete at 10 a.m. with Cheryl and contractors in attendance – Austin Construction was apparent low bid at \$1,138,297.00. Pete took the bids with him for D&K staff to review - after reviewing the bids DuBois & King recommended that the town hire Austin Construction.

Recently, FEMA classified the replacement of the bridge as an "Improved Project", which means that the town may have to file mitigation measures in order to receive full funding. A letter to the State, prepared by Pete/DuBois & King explaining why the town chose this bridge replacement option, and asking them to approve the "Improved Project". Once the State approves the improved project the same letter will be forwarded to FEMA for their approval.

Pete explained that D & K did extensive hydraulic testing at the site of the old bridge and based the design, length, and position of the new bridge on those studies, and on Stream Alteration requirements from Patrick Ross of ANR.

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The new bridge will be 130' long, versus the 108' long destroyed bridge; and is upstream about another 25' to allow the temporary bridge to remain while the permanent one is being put in. Pete estimated it would cost an additional \$200,000 to place the new bridge where the temporary bridge is now, because of its existing alignment.

Discussion that the low bid of Austin Construction reflex's a 21% increase in the originally estimated cost. The project work order written for \$1,045,200 will need to be adjusted by FEMA to reflect the increase in bridge costs.

John moved; seconded by Michelle, to accept the recommendation of DuBois & King to accept the bid of Austin Construction Inc. for \$1,138,297.00, and that Tom Martin can sign the Notice of Award. All were in favor.

A complete copy of the bid packet, bidders and bid results can be found at the town offices.

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NRCS – grant application for Magill sponsorship

NRCS approved the grant application for Steve and Heidi Magill, to repair flood damage on their Herring Brook Road property. The grant is for about \$90,000. Since NRCS does not give money directly to homeowners, the town of Moretown sponsored the Magill grant. There will be no out of pocket costs to the town, the town is simply the grantee, Magill is the sub-grantee and will pay any shortfall.

Steve further explained that without this repair, his house could end up in the Herring Brook. Patrick Ross, Stream Alterations Engineer for ANR, determined that Tropical Storm Irene was the cause of the erosion problem and advised Steve to contact NRCS for help to fund the project. NRCS agreed to pay 90% of the project cost. The other 10% of the cost will be paid by the Magill's.

Steve and NRCS met with four contractors earlier today so they could look at the damage before they bid. Bids are due back to Steve by Monday 8/6.

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Note: Town Hall repairs – At a prior meeting, the selectboard approved Craig Ciampi do the flood repairs to the town hall. Craig has asked for 50% of the bid price (about \$9,500) to pay for the new kitchen cabinets that he ordered. The board approved. The work will be done by 9/1/12.

John moved; seconded by Reed, to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. All were in favor.