

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

DRAFT – Notice of unapproved minutes of the 1/21/13 selectboard meeting

Board members present were: Reed Korrow, Michelle Beard, Tom Martin, chairman, and John Hoogenboom. Clark Amadon was unable to attend tonight.

Guests included: Martha Douglass, Rae Washburn, Sandy & Max Fortune, Rachel Goff, Scott Baughman, Lisa Ransom, Dean Moulton and Cheryl Brown as assistant to the board

Tom called the meeting to order at 6:00 and gave a brief overview of tonight's agenda.

Public Comment:

Martha Douglass - provided a articles from Jax Air News and the Florida Times-Union, which state Advance Disposal System owes Jacksonville, Florida up to \$4.1 million related to yard waste at its Old Kings Road facility, and that AD used that facility in ways that don't seem to meet the state definition of "recycling". The recycling definition is important because the landfill has to pay the city \$7.16 a ton for materials other than recycling. Also stated in both articles; during visits in June 2011 and February of this year, state inspectors discovered tons of yard waste stored at the site for more than 18 months.

Max & Sandra Fortune – reported that on 1/18/13, the night after the public forum, they were driven out of their home by landfill odors. Max said Moretown Landfill's new manager Mike DiMaggio came to his home and witnessed methane and trash odors coming from the landfill. Max asked Mike for help such as paying for a motel room. Mike agreed to call corporate and get back to him. Mike called Max back saying Advanced Disposal was unable to do anything at this time. Max and Sandy wanted the selectboard to be aware of this event, and to be wary when developing a new host town agreement with Advanced Disposal.

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Tom offered to contact Mike DiMaggio and talk with him about assisting residents when they are driven from their home by landfill odors. The Fortunes will provide a copy of their expenses incurred when they had to leave their home.

John moved; seconded by Michelle to allow Tom Martin to speak with Mike DiMaggio to see if we can get help for neighbors driven from their homes because of odors from the landfill. All were in favor.

Scott & Lisa – said MLI has refused to talk to them except through their attorney, so they have to pay to talk to their neighbors.

Scott thinks the town could end up in litigation about the host town agreement before all is said and done.

Rae Washburn – said he heard Clark Amadon isn't running for re-election for the selectboard and so he plans to run for a one-year term.

Rae said he is disappointed to hear what is happening to the neighbors around the landfill, and wants to help get through this.

Approval of the 1/7/13 meeting minutes –

John moved; Reed seconded to approve the minutes of 1/7/13 as written. All were in favor.

Reports & Communication, Announcements

Moretown Landfill – since the last meeting, the town has received a lot of correspondence from ANR, the law office of James Dumont (Baughman & Ransom attorney) and the law office of Dunkiel Sanders (MLI's attorney) regarding the temporary capping of cell 3. All are available for public view during regular business hours.

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VLCT letter from Fred Satink, Loss Control Specialist - re: review of recent auto-related claims to the town garage and to the 2004 truck. The letter lists ways to manage similar situations in the future.

Discussion followed about having a policy that might help prevent accidents; and about safe the road crew attending safety classes if any are available. Cheryl will check if there are safety classes available at VLCT and/or Vermont Local Roads.

BCA meeting schedule – Michelle said she has a request from the BCA members that the selectboard schedule the BCA meeting times going forward. She said State Statute says that the selectboard or the town clerk can set the meeting time. She will talk with Cherilyn tomorrow.

Public Forum originally scheduled for 1/31/13 – Has been cancelled.

Work on 2013 Town Meeting articles –

Article #5 (last year) – to offer a discount will be removed from the warning if it is legal to do so. Since any discounts would only involve the town portion of the tax rate which is very low, the article will be removed from the town meeting warning this year.

Article #14 – to divide the revenue received from landfill tipping fees. In order to save more of the landfill tipping fee revenue this year:

Reed moved that his year's town meeting article will ask voters to deposit 52% of the landfill tipping fee revenue to the general fund to lower the 2013 tax rate (last year it was 64%); 40% deposited into the Savings Reserve Fund (last year it was 36%); and 8% deposited into the Capital Reserve Fund. Michelle seconded.

Discussion – The board believes there will be a surplus at the end of 2012 because 2011 expenditures to repair roads from flood damages were reimbursed in 2012, which will mean less money will need to be raised by taxes.

Vote: All were in favor.

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2013 Budget –

Reed moved that the town budget for 2013 be \$1,068,802. Michelle seconded.

Discussion followed about this year’s budget being about \$14,000 less than last year’s.

Vote: All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Financial information requested by the State - Michelle is gathering information to give to the State (Deb Markowitz) about the town’s financial dependence on the Moretown Landfill tipping fees and donations. The State doesn’t know if there would be any money available for the town to help lessen the “fall” if the landfill should close, but they would like to know what the impact would be.

New Business:

Town Office – After the public forum it appears the town office committee can narrow down the sites and get concrete numbers for the cost.

There was discussion about the town applying for a FEMA grant.

Tom moved that Clark Amadon be allowed to sign the FEMA “Buy-out” grant application for the town office that is due on 2/1/13. Reed seconded.

There was discussion that the town can decide not to take advantage of the grant, depending on the board’s decision about what to do for a town office.

Vote: All were in favor.

Longley Road snowplowing – Reed reported that Longley Road will be plowed by the one-ton truck going forward because of the steepness of the road. For two years now, the tri-axle dump trucks side down the hill while snowplowing causing damage to the trucks.

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Review invoices and approve selectboard orders –

Invoices were reviewed and warrant numbers 4, 5 and 6 were approved.

Tom moved; seconded by Reed to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. All were in favor.