

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

**Draft** – unapproved minutes of the 1/13/14 selectboard special meeting held for the purpose of working on the 2014 budget and Town Meeting articles.

Board members present were: Rae Washburn, Michelle Beard, Tom Martin, John Hoogenboom, Reed Korrow

Guests: Scott Baughman, Martha & Tom Douglass, Lisa Ransom, Rachel Goff, and Cheryl Brown as board assistant

Tom called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and explained that the purpose of tonight's meeting is to finish the town budget and articles, which consists of salaries and whether or not to have an article to buy a new dump truck.

Tom said since the salary discussion will pertain to employee evaluations, he moved to enter into executive session at 6:05 for that purpose. Michelle seconded. All were in favor.

Tom moved to come out of executive session at 7:10. John seconded. All were in favor.

Tom said the result of the executive session was that the road crew, town clerk/treasurer and assistants, and Cheryl were given a 2.5% salary raise; Cheryl's hours were increased to 40/hrs. per week and her new title is now Town Administrator.

Discussion followed:

- What the budget totaled prior to the payroll additions;
- The budget was reviewed again as the numbers were finalized;
- If a truck was ordered this spring, it would be delivered around September;
- What the price/payment would be for a new truck;
- What truck would be traded in? The board needs to ask Martin his opinion;
- Would the dump body on the 2004 truck make it until fall;

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- It seemed like a good idea to borrow from the savings reserve if we were to buy a new truck, versus paying a bank interest. This factor would be included in any article.
- The budget was done as far as the board is concerned tonight, except for the truck payment if any would be budgeted for 2014, and will be finalized at the next meeting.

The board will continue the discussion about whether or not to have an article for the purchase of a new dump truck on January 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Other business:**

**Liquor license applications** – for Junipers Fare were signed.

**Warrants were approved** as submitted.

**Website Administrator** – Steve Sharp will be invited to a selectboard meeting in February to update the board on the website.

Reed moved to adjourn at 8:10. Tom seconded. All were in favor.