

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

Draft – unapproved minutes of the 4/7/14 Selectboard meeting

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

Guests: Becky Ciampi, Scott Baughman, Martin Cameron, Ricky Blake, Tom & Martha Douglass, Lisa Ransom and Cheryl Brown as assistant to the board

Tom called the meeting to order at 6:00.

Public Comment: No one was present to offer public comment.

Approval of meeting minutes 3/17/14 – Michelle moved to approve the minutes of 3/17/14 as written. Michelle seconded. All were favor.

Becky Ciampi came in tonight to talk with the selectboard about town hall business, including:

- Becky would like to order covers for the thermostats to prevent people from changing the settings. The board approved.
- Kevin Collins will put the vents over the kitchen stoves in about 1 month.
- Becky will have the front door handle fixed.
- Signage will be put up, asking that all tables and chairs that are upstairs, remain upstairs.
- There was discussion about how much time it takes Becky to meet with renters and clean up after events. Renters are supposed to clean up after their event. The result was; if renters do not clean sufficiently they will be charged via a deposit for any time over one hour that it takes Becky to clean. Cheryl will be notified by Becky so she can deduct any cleaning fee from the deposit.
- The outlet problem in the kitchen was that a circuit breaker was tripped and all are working fine now.

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- Leak behind the kitchen sink. Becky will contact a plumber to get the leak fixed.
- A pad by the elevator needs to be set. The stones didn't work. Becky will get quotes.
- Renters have mentioned that a dishwasher would be helpful. There were concerns about the septic so there will be no dishwasher at this time.

Becky closed by saying that there are lots of rentals coming up.

Martin Cameron re: truck/body bids and road worker job applications -

Truck chassis and dump body bids – The bids opened on 3/17 were reviewed by Martin and his preference is the Mack because of the reliability of the truck that we have now, but he understands that the price of the Mack is about \$12,000 more than the Western Star, his second choice. Martin spoke with a few other towns that have a Western Star dump truck and they are pretty happy. He also did some online research about the International, so between the International, Western Star and Freightliner, he preferred the Western Star. Martin spoke with J & B International and Sheldon Trucks again about their best price, resulting in a final price for the Western Star of \$74,536 (\$2,000 discount), and the final price for the Mack would be \$87,000 (\$1,500 more on trade-in).

There was discussion about:

- Undercoating all of our equipment.
- Rae would like this truck to last 15 years. If the Mack would do that he would consider the extra money worth it and support buying it.
- Martin said it is possible the truck might last 15 years, but he doesn't think the body would because of salt. The price of a dump body is about \$63,000.
- Martin prefers buying the Viking truck body and explained why. The price of the Viking body is \$62,940; \$1,900 more than a Tenco body, and \$3,000 less than a HP Fairfield body. All are side dump bodies.

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- While John will be abstaining from voting because he has a business association with a member of the Clark family, he pointed out that if the State has a contract with Clark's to buy their new International trucks, it seems logical that we go with Clark's considering their quote for a new truck was \$65,129.

Reed moved to purchase the Mack truck from Sheldon Truck based on the good experience with service from Sheldon Trucks and also the dependability of the Mack that we have now. Rae seconded. Reed, Rae, Tom and Michelle were in favor. John abstained from voting.

Rae moved to accept the bid for the Viking truck body. Michelle seconded. All were in favor.

Road worker job applications - Employment applications for a new road worker to replace a vacancy in the road department as a result of Wade Hastings giving his notice were due today. Six applications were received. Martin and Norm Andrews will review them and interview candidates then make recommendations on who they feel the Selectboard should interview at their 4/21/14 meeting.

Martin noted that he is very pleased that Wade offered to stay on as long as the town needed him.

Reports & Communication, Announcements

Port-o-let at Moretown Elementary School – Each year the Town puts a portable toilet near the recreation fields for the summer with monies donated by the soccer club. This year the toilet will be on site from mid-May thru August.

Thank you note – Card from Varsity Coach Mike Woods, on behalf of the Players and Parents of the Harwood Boys Basketball Teams, thanking the Selectboard for the use of the town hall for their end-of-season banquet.

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Blodgett v. Moretown –

Recording of document - Letter from Paul Gillies dated 3/4/14 to Stephen Cusick Blodgett’s attorney, in response to Cusick’s recent letter regarding recording of the town’s first set of Interrogatories and Request to Produce (Discovery), which is part of the conflict between Blodgett and Moretown over the location of trail #49. Blodgett claims that the town made “a malicious attempt to place a cloud on Blodgett’s title” by recording the document. Gillies said recording the document made no impact on Blodgett’s title.

Request to reopen case – Stephen Cusick filed a request in Superior court to reopen the case regarding the location of trail #49 and to demand for a trial by jury because Blodgett wants to undo the mediation agreement, and add a new count (above) claiming the recording of the “discovery” document was slander of title.

At this point, people still can’t get to their property. The Board feels due diligence has been done to try and compromise with Blodgett to re-route the trail so he wouldn’t have to move the garage that according to Rob Townsends survey was built in the town right of way. The decision was to call Paul Gillies and have him instruct Rob Townsend to pin the town trail as he recently surveyed.

100 on 100 relay race – The relay race to be held on August 16th this year, which involves Route 100 by the Maynard farm through to Duxbury, was approved by the board. This race will not have impact on the road maintenance planned by the State. Cheryl will notify Steve Smith and Dave Van Deusen.

Waterbury transportation plans – Michelle reported attending a meeting about the road repairs and rotary project planned in the Waterbury Route 2 area. She said Moretown should stay involved as there will be impacts to Route 2 in Moretown as traffic gets diverted from Exit 10 to Exit 9.

Email from Sheila Getzinger dated 3/21/14 – asking that the Moretown Mountain Road be closed during mud season.

Several roads in town are now closed except to residents for mud season. The Mountain Road is one of them.

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FEMA grant available to fund the purchase and installation of generators. This is a grant limited to critical facilities and therefore the fire station is eligible. The information was passed along to Chief Smith.

Efficiency Vermont offered funding to replace efficiency lighting in the fire station and the library. Chief Smith and Lisa Samsom were passed along the information.

OLD BUSINESS:

Town office project – Cheryl will contact Clark Amadon for an update.

FEMA reimbursement pending – FEMA still owes the town about \$280,000 for actual costs to build the new bridge lost during Tropical Storm Irene. They asked for additional information as to why the new bridge is larger than the old one, built to meet State of Vermont Q25 flow standards as required by natural resources. News should come soon.

Host Town Agreement for cell 4 - The board decided to move forward with a draft. To begin that process, an outline of objectives will be prepared (a.b.c etc.) two or three of which will be discussed at each meeting until there is a rough draft.

Town of Berlin Police Department – There was nothing new to report since the last meeting.

Town Administrator job description – There was nothing new to add to the job description from the Administrative Assistant, except Cheryl will now help supervise the town hall custodian and approve their time sheets.

Project manager for the sidewalk project – Michelle will get a sample bid form and send it out.

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New Business:

CCV free classes – Reed said CCV is offering free classes including one for supervising. Cheryl will pass the link along to Martin because he had mentioned to her that he would be interested in taking supervisor training. Cheryl will also look at the list to see what is available.

Economic Forum – The number of businesses that we have in Moretown was indicated as being surprisingly high. The board would like to have a forum/business mixer to get to know some of the business owners in town.

2014 budget status – Michelle said we are already over the percentage in some departments that should have been spent for this year so far on some line items, especially supplies. The board will keep an eye on this through quarterly reports and keep in communication with department heads who ordinarily don't request budget status reports.

Review invoices and approve selectboard orders -

Drug & Alcohol Policy – Tom moved to approve the Drug & Alcohol Policy as presented tonight. John seconded. All were in favor.

Revised Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP) – Tom moved to approve the LEOP as presented tonight. John seconded. All were in favor.

Warrant #'s 15, 16, 17 & 18 were approved as submitted

Reed moved to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Tom seconded. All were in favor.

