

**Town of Moretown
Office of SELECT BOARD**

Draft – unapproved minutes of the 4/28/14 selectboard special meeting

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

Guests present were: Martin Cameron, Duane Pierson, Jamie Wimble, Heather Raylinsky, Mike Woods, Carl Wimble, Cheryl Brown as board assistant

John called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting began with various highway business discussed with Martin Cameron.

Truck costs – There was some confusion whether the cost of the new truck was \$88,500 or \$87,000. The confusion was related to the trade-in value from Sheldon Trucks. Martin clarified the price as being \$88,500.

Michelle moved to clarify the 4/7/14 motion to approve that we buy a Mack truck chassis from Sheldon Truck for a price of \$88,500. Rae seconded. All were in favor.

Martin hopes to have a truck ready to go in August-September.

Warranty on the new dump truck – The price for a warrant (limited as explained by Martin) would cost \$4,670. Martin isn't concerned that it would be worth purchasing the warranty for what it covers, and he wants to purchase extra rims and winter tires for the new Mack.

There was discussion about how many miles per year is put on the trucks – about 25,000 miles, maybe less if hauling sand is contracted out.

Rae moved not to purchase an extended warranty for the new Mack truck. John seconded. All were in favor.

Martin will pursue buying extra rims and winter tires.

Cheryl told Martin that Cherilyn will need purchase order documents for financing purposes.

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2001 dump body – The 2001 single axle dump truck, currently used as a spare truck when one of the tandem axle trucks is out of order, needs a new dump body. Martin said ideally the new body would be a side dump, but a lot of money has been spent this year already on unexpected repairs to other equipment, and that has to be made up somewhere, so he is willing to have a rear dump body on the spare truck.

Rae moved to buy a rear dump body with tailgate sander, for a price of \$15,535 from Viking for the 2001 truck. John seconded. All were in favor. The cost of the new body was budgeted.

Bids – Rae asked that the selectboard be provided a copy of bids in the future so they have the information too for the decision making process.

2011 one-ton pickup repair – There was an accident with the 2011 pickup while snowplowing Fletcher Road. Quotes to repair the pickup were gotten from Majestic Auto.

Rae moved to proceed with Majestic Auto's quote of \$1769.91 to bring the pickup back to "like new" condition. Michelle seconded. All were in favor.

Town garage door casing damage – There was damage done to the town garage door when a truck wing wasn't lifted up entirely before entering the building. Martin has a quote from K-Bar Builders to repair the door casing.

John moved to accept the bid of \$1,100 from K-Bar Builders to repair the town garage door. Michelle seconded. All were in favor.

Cheryl will check with VLCT and see if there is a grant available that might help pay for installing cement bollards to protect the garage/doors.

Janawicz/Maloney culvert issue – Martin explained that Jason Maloney's culvert failed which ultimately washed out a part of Jones Brook Road making it impassable. He said apparently Janawicz bought the culvert originally when Maloney built, so water wouldn't dump onto their property. They want to be sure Maloney pays for the repairs of the failed culvert, not the town.

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Technically Maloney is responsible for the culvert that is part of his access, but if a landowner doesn't agree to pay for the repair of a culvert that needs to be fixed in order to keep the integrity of the road, what action should the town take. Martin would like the board to figure that out because the culvert needs to be replaced.

The board approved that Rae talk with Jason Maloney about paying for the culvert, and the town would install it when they are in the area working on the road.

Janawicz water run-off issue – The Janawicz's claim that Jones Brook Road has been raised since they built their garage, to the extent that now water runs into their garage – about 9".

Martin is doubtful that the road has been raised to that extent. He said at most, a couple of inches of gravel has been added to the road.

No action will be taken on the claim at this time.

***more highway business later—**

Duane Pierson drainage issues – Duane reported meeting with Clark Amadon of the Town Office Committee, who had concerns about the drainage problem impacting nearby residents if it wasn't addressed.

Michelle asked what had been done in the past for such repairs. The answer was that the town pays for the mowing, and so the school would probably have to pay to have this drainage repaired unless the work could wait until the town office project happened.

Martin did go look at the drainage and wasn't overly concerned.

The drainage will be addressed during the town office project.

Interest in vacancies in the office of Lister – over the past week or so three individuals submitted letters expressing their interest in being appointed as a town lister; Jamie Wimble, Heather Raylinsky and Mike Woods. All came in tonight to talk individually with the selectboard about why they are interested in being a town lister and what their qualifications are that might help with the duties of a town lister.

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Trash dumping – Martin reported dumping in the pull-off at the top of the Moretown Mountain Road, and asked if it was ok to put up a “no dumping” sign. The board approved and said there are several other areas in town that could use a sign if they aren’t too expensive.

Bids to truck road sand – The board approved that Martin call contractors for quotes to haul 3,500-4,000 cy of road sand, and a smaller amount of gravel.

Discussion followed about the town requirements for insurance and about contractors providing proof that all products they used to perform the work for the town (such as fuel) have been paid for.

Mowing the town/school land – Martin asked if the board had anyone in mind to mow the town/school land, and if not if we should be getting bids.

A notice will be put on Moretown Front Porch Forum asking for interested parties to supply bids to Martin.

Trees in Herring Brook Road - Martin reported notice from Bob Grace about trees being dropped across the Herring Brook Road, keeping him from getting to his camp. Bob said he doesn’t know who did it, but the trees were cut down with a chain saw and felled into the town road. Martin will go and move the trees from the town road.

Rock from MLI in 2014 – Martin said he spoke with Bill Kernan of Moretown Landfill about getting rock in 2014. He said Bill said possibly we could get some large stone. Although Martin appreciates the large stone, the town is in real need of process rock. The landfill has some of that stockpiled.

The board asked Cheryl to talk with Bill Kernan about the town getting some of the process rock.

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Road signage for Lover’s Lane – Martin said he needs to put new signage on Lover’s Lane Road, but with the bridge closed, he isn’t sure how to handle that.

There was discussion about placing signs on both sides of the road (100B side TH #11 and Route 2 side TH #9) since both are different town highways, and include the road numbers on the sign for E-911 purposes.

Other business:

Carl Wimble public comment –

Town budget – Carl said with the lack of landfill revenue, he suggested re-looking at what the town budget used to be without tipping fees, compared to what it is now.

Electrical work in the town hall kitchen – Carl was alarmed to see that Kevin Collins was going to be doing work in the kitchen considering that Carl feels we were overcharged the last time he worked for the town.

Town hall contract re: renters insurance – Michelle reported that John Gallagher said he was told since he was a Moretown resident he would not have to provide proof of insurance to rent the town hall. Michelle said according to the rental contract even residents must provide proof of insurance when they rent the town hall.

The board agreed that the policy as it was adopted on 3/17 stands. John Gallagher will need to provide a certificate of insurance for the rental. VLCT provides the opportunity to get event insurance through TULIP, for minimal pricing. Cherilyn will notify John G.

Lister applicants/appointments:

Michelle moved to enter into executive session at 8:10 p.m. to discuss the appointment of a public officer. John seconded. All were in favor.

John moved to come out of executive session at 8:15. Michelle seconded. All were in favor.

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Michelle moved to appoint Heather Raylinsky and Mike Woods as Moretown Lister, and to appoint Heather Raylinsky as town auditor, since she also expressed interest in that position. John seconded. All were in favor.

Warrant #22 was approved as submitted.

Michelle moved to adjourn at 8:20. Reed seconded. All were in favor.