

**Town of Moretown
Office of the Select Board**

Draft – notice of unapproved minutes of the 5/19/14 selectboard meeting

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

Guests included: Clark Amadon, Tom & Martha Douglass, Ricky Blake, Martin Cameron, Moretown Elementary School children, parents, teachers, and helpers associated with the playground improvement project, Meg Allison, Laure Murphy, Art Wright from TD Ameritrade, Don LaRocca, Craig Eilers, Cheryl Brown as assistant to the board

Public Comment:

Martha Douglass – asked if we had heard back from the State on our request for lowering the speed limit on Route 2 during the Waterbury road work.

We did hear from the State. They are not considering lowering the speed limit during the Waterbury construction because Moretown roads are too far away from the construction project.

Clark Amadon – town office project – Clark came in tonight to get approval for supplemental archeological services needed at the new town office site to satisfy the Environmental Review for the Community Development Block Grant. The town and school submitted paperwork in hopes the determination would be that an archeological dig wasn't needed, but the documents weren't sufficient to satisfy that any artifacts on the site might have been disturbed prior to this construction. The work would be done by UVM archaeology department with an expected cost of \$4,827. Clark said once approved, the work could be done fairly quickly.

Michelle moved to approve moving forward with the Phase I Archeological work as submitted by UVM. Reed seconded.

Discussion followed about what will happen if they find significant artifacts. Perhaps a historic marker or display of the findings would be on site.

Vote: All were in favor.

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Clark also reported that the required announcement was put in the paper about the town office project; and a water testing plan still needs to be done. Both are requirements of the Environmental Review.

Approval of Minutes:

5/5/14 – John moved; seconded by Michelle, that the minutes of 5/5/14 be approved as written. All were in favor.

Reports & Communication:

Dynamic Environmental Associates (DEA) – American Towers LLC is proposing to construct a telecommunications tower at 373 Hoover Hill in Moretown. DEA is requesting public comment by June 9, 2014. According to DEA the proposed tower will be 155’ high.

Ray Munn - request for appointment as 2nd constable – Michelle moved; John seconded, to appoint Raymond Munn 2nd Constable. All were in favor.

Sand hauling bids – Martin asked for bids from eight or so truckers for hauling road sand from Varin’s pit in Bolton, Vt. Four bids were received as follows:

Newton Construction LLC	\$6.75 per yard
Griffin & Griffin Excavating Inc.	\$5.00 per yard
Adam Stone Trucking	\$5.06 per yard
Matt White	\$5.65 per yard

Rae moved; John seconded, to hire Griffin & Griffin Excavating Inc., to haul the road sand for a price of \$5.00 per yard.

Discussion: There were other truckers who were invited to bid. Rae said DuBois Construction was invited to bid, but their work schedule is full. Barrett Trucking, Kingsbury Construction, and Hallstrom Excavating were also invited to bid.

Vote: All were in favor.

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Village hill repair – Martin asked for permission to put out bids for an engineering design to repair the village hill. Boring samples have been done to evaluate the base materials, and it looks like clay runs deep (20+ feet deep) in the lower half of the hill. Rae and Martin will prepare a scope of work for the bid.

2013 High Risk Rural Roads (HRRR) Grant – The HRRR grant is a state grant to remove all existing signs and guardrails and replace with new. The grant is 100% funded by State and Federal funds.

Martin said he knew about the grant, but wasn't notified that the work was beginning and found out about it through phone calls.

Rae noted that he had received phone calls too.

Cleaning the school parking lot – Eugene Grandfield donated his sweeper to clean the school yard/parking lot if the town did the work. Martin will contact Eugene and make arrangements to use the sweep at some point when the school is closed.

Better Back Roads grant – Hopefully the 2013 Better Back Roads Grant request for extension will be granted so part of the cost for the borings on the village hill will be paid for.

Lynch Hill Road – Rae reported that he thinks the clean-up work on Lynch Hill from last winter's logging operation has been done. Rae asked that the town be involved in supervising the clean-up. Rae thinks Martin should take a look and see if the work is satisfactory.

Martin said Jeff Langmaid from Fountain Forestry did call to notify him the work was being done, and he advised him to contact Rae directly.

Martin will drive the loop to see if it is passable by 4-wheel drive.

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Moretown Elementary School children’s presentation of a new playground –

Duane Pierson opened the presentation with a general overview of what the MES students, with the help of teachers and Sarah Zschau in part via a grant, have been doing to create a “Dream Playground” model for tonight’s presentation. Five students were present tonight to give the presentation, but all grades of MES students are part of the creation, as well as Vermont Rural Partnership (a coalition of small Vermont schools), parents and the Moretown Community.

The student’s presentation to the selectboard was wonderful and creative and the “Dream Playground” looks great. The estimated cost of the new playground as shown tonight is about \$57,000. \$25,000 will be donated by the town from the Children’s Deeryard Fund toward the cost of the playground, and fundraising will be done so as much of the playground can be built as possible. Donated professional labor would also help tremendously with the project cost, as would donated equipment.

Meg Allison re: introduction of new library trustee – Meg introduced Laure Murphy to the selectboard as being interested in becoming a library trustee. Laure spoke about her interest in helping out with the library, and said that she has lived in Moretown village (the old mill restaurant) for seven years.

Tom moved; seconded by John, to approve the appointment of Laure Murphy as library trustee. All were in favor.

The board thanked the library staff and trustees for the great job, great services, and for all of the hours donated by volunteers.

Investments – Mr. Arthur Wright, Investment Consultant with TD Ameritrade, based out of Williston, came in tonight with investment committee members Don LaRocca, Craig Eilers, and John Hoogenboom, to talk about TD Ameritrade services, products, responsibilities and operations. Points of interest include:

- TD Ameritrade Clearing House (ACH Agreement) is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of TD Ameritrade

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- The town is in charge of where and how much the money is invested and would construct its own portfolio
- Investing can begin at any time; for any amount
- Monthly reporting electronically
- Portfolio analysis will be done periodically
- The only risk, is market risk
- 24/7 access to the TD Ameritrade client team
- \$1,000,000 deposit, \$2500 TD Ameritrade incentive to the town
- Online trading \$9.99

Investment Policy Draft: There was discussion about whether or not the language in the draft needs to be revised to reflect the changes in tipping fees since the landfill closed.

Don thinks the current draft covers the current needs and future needs relating to tipping fees.

The board will review the draft and forward any questions for the committee directly to Don and he will address them with the committee.

At the next meeting the plan is to adopt the investment policy and decide who would have online access to the TD Ameritrade documents.

OLD BUSINESS:

Maloney culvert on Jones Brook Road – Rae hasn't had the chance to talk with Jason Maloney yet about paying for the new culvert.

Host Town Agreement – A and B on the list of objectives was reviewed and items were added to the draft. At the next meeting C, D, and E will be reviewed. The board will continue discussion until which time they feel comfortable enough to put together a working draft to forward to the lawyer for a host agreement.

New Business:

Herring Brook Road closed signage – Rae reported notification that the road closed signage on Herring Brook Road is being ignored by some vehicles.

The board decided it was time to take the road closed signs down.

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Flood line of credit invoice - The flood line of credit was due today, but since FEMA still owes the town about \$280,000 in reimbursement for expenses related to replace a bridge for which the payment process could take months, Merchants Bank agreed to extent the due date for another six months. However \$22,578.33 is due now.

Cheryl asked the board if they want to pay the loan from the Bridge & Culvert Fund as was previously decided, from the general fund etc.

Tom signed the invoice authorizing the \$22,578.33 be paid from the bridge & culvert fund. This payment will lower the principal balance on the line of credit to \$257,198.

Other documents presented and signed for approval were:

- Flood line of credit for \$257,198.03 with the Merchants Bank
- Tax Anticipation Loan for \$154,000 with the Merchants Bank
- Liquor License for Bailiwick
- Overload permits

Warrant #'s 23, 24, 25 and 26 were approved as submitted.

Tom moved to adjourn at 8:45 pm. John seconded. All were in favor.