

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

**Draft** – Notice of unapproved minutes of the 9/8/15 Selectboard meeting

Board members: Tom Martin, Jason Aronowitz, John Hoogenboom, Rae Washburn, Michelle Beard

Guests: Eric Howes, Calvin & Nancy Blodgett, Craig Oshkello, Guy Martin, Joe Martin, Cheryl Brown as assistant to the board

**Public Comment:** None

**Reports & Communication, Announcements**

**Eric Howes DRB Alternate** - Email from Eric Howes requesting reappointment as an alternate to the Development Review Board.

Tom moved; John seconded to reappoint Eric Howes as alternate to the DRB. All were in favor.

**CDBG Bus Tour of funded sites** – On 9/17/15 at 2:45 pm members of the Vermont Community Development Program will be conducting a tour of sites funded by Community Development Block Grants. They will visit the site for the new town office. Rae plans to attend. Cheryl will ask Henry to be there also.

It was brought up that Dara Torre mentioned using the parking lot renovations (included in the town office project) as a pilot for the new stormwater technics. Cheryl will ask Dara to pass along the information and ask her to talk with Henry Erickson about her idea.

**Grant process improvement** – Cheryl was invited by the State to participate in a workshop on 9/30/15, to “lean” the highway grant process and give input how to improve the existing process from the town’s prospective.

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**Meet with the Schoolboard** – The Schoolboard is unable to meet with the Selectboard on 9/14/15 as planned. Kate O’Neill will schedule a new date.

**VLCT Equipment grant** – The town applied for a grant to buy a standby commercial grade generator that will run the town hall (or any building) in case of power loss. The unit would run off an existing propane tank. The grant amount is for \$10,026. Notification of award will be sent out in September.

**Citizens for Property Rights** – The Selectboard received a letter from the Citizens group, drawing attention to GIS mapping and that mapping is being attached to Town Plans with little notice. The group considers this action to impact the value of large blocks of land and housing.

**More noise at the sand pit** – Michelle spoke of a call from Liz Harris around 5:30 am on 8/27/15, about the noise from the sand pit area. Michelle could hear the noise over the phone. She went to the sand pit and advised the GW Tatro driver to please pass the word that the sand pit was off limits until 7:00 am.

**Board minutes** – Michelle said Mimi Clark came to her house on Monday night asking where the Selectboard meeting was, expecting that she would be taking the minutes.

Cheryl spoke with Mimi today and cleared up the confusion, telling Mimi that she would only be taking minutes for the Planning Commission and the Development Review Board unless contacted by Cheryl that she needed her help with the Selectboard minutes.

**Mad River Watershed Committee** – John reported that Eric Howes agreed to be an ex officio member on the Mad River Watershed Committee. Also, bids for a technical team have gone out that will come up with options for the best way to spend the grant money.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

**8/17/15** – John moved; Michelle seconded to approve the minutes of 8/17/15. All were in favor.

**8/19/15** – Michelle moved; John seconded to approve the minutes of 8/19/15. All were in favor.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Blodgett trail access hearing decision status** – Because the Board is still in the decision making process about the 8/17/hearing decision, Tom moved to enter into deliberative session at 6:22 pm to continue discussions. Michelle seconded. All were in favor. Cheryl stayed.

At the end of deliberative session and the guests returned, Tom outlined how we got to where we are now. Discussion that this access problem started with a family feud. Tom followed with comments from past board meeting minutes and events involving the access since 2011.

There was a good conversation tonight amongst parties. Guy said the first access ribbon was acceptable but it was on Case's property. No one knows how that happened. Cal said no matter where an access goes, there needs to be a bridge. Cal said he is ok with people crossing his property from the Case property if the Cases were to give the town an access. Tom will call Mr. Case and talk about the possibility.

More old business later.

**Craig Oshkello (Living Tree Alliance, LLC)** – purchased the Goodyear property and needs a curb cut off Freeman Hill Road for their seven unit Planned Unit Development (PUD). They went before the Moretown DRB and were granted conditional use approval for the development. Craig is aware that the PUD will create additional traffic on Freeman Hill Rd., so the Alliance is considering options for the dangerous egress onto Route 100B. The Curb Cut was approved.

More **Old business-**

**Policy for use of the sand pile area** – Cheryl will draft a policy for use of the sand pile area by contractors. Discussion followed about who will police the area. There was discussion about chaining off the access except during the hours of 7 am-5 pm.; about placing signage; and about fining policy violators.

The board will visit the sand pile area at 5:45 before their meeting on 9/21/15 to look at screening options. Jason will work on sign language.

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**Appeal of Revocation of Grow Compost Solid Waste Certification** – Dates for mediation were offered. The board reviewed the dates and found 9/24/15 is when they are available. The court stipulated that mediation must be done by 10/12/15. Jim Dumont and his clients are only available on 10/12/15.

Tom reported that Grow Compost is not willing to pay for the neighbors to be part of the mediation. Because it is important, the Board is willing to cover the town's share of the cost for the neighbors input. Tom will call Ron tomorrow.

**Road Crew hours** – Tom said Martin requested approval to continue working 4/10 hour days because of projects they still need to do. Martin told Tom that they are behind on grading. The board approved. Tom will ask Martin if he has asked Norm to fill in grading or if he has contacted other towns for help with the grading.

**Neighborhood Watch** – No one has “organized” a neighborhood watch other than for Hathaway Road. It was suggested that the topic be included in the school newsletter to get the word out to interested parties.

**New Business:**

**ICS – 200 Level training** – John, Jason, Rae and Cheryl received certificates for completing the ICS-200 level training for disaster preparedness.

**Library news** – The library from time to time highlights local business, where people can come and talk with the business representative. Recently there was a massage therapist presentation.

**Firestation septic plugged** – Rae asked if anyone had heard that the firestation septic was plugged last week. No board member had heard that.

**Warrants # 42-46** were approved as submitted.

**Other documents approved:**

Curb Cut – Craig Oshkello – Freeman Hill Road

Road Maintenance Permits – Galiazzo & Papineau

Errors & Omissions to the 2015 Grand List

Vt. Testing Proposal \$ 3650 – Town Office Project compaction

Tom moved; Michelle seconded to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Motion passed.