

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

**Approved 11/16/15 - minutes of the 10/19/15 Selectboard meeting**

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

Guests included: Ron Shems, David Saudek, Alan Chambers, Calvin Blodgett, Nancy Blodgett, Travis Blodgett, Susan Nadeau, Paul Nadeau, David Belanger, Scott Baughman, Mimi Clark acting secretary, Martha & Tom Douglass, Guy Martin, Joe Martin, Carl Wimble

Prior to tonight's regular meeting, board members conducted a site visit at and around the access of Blodgett trail #49.

Tom called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Grow Compost Appeal** - First on the agenda was an appeal of Revocation of Grow Compost Solid Waste Certificate made by the office of Dick Saudek and Ron Shems.

Tom Martin asked Shems and Saudek to be present tonight. Ron presented proposals from both Grow Compost and the Agency of Natural Resources offering suggestions as to how odor and other complaints would be handled absent either an Act 250 permit or a solid waste facility certification. ANR proposed designating one individual to specifically handle complaints regarding the operation of Grow Compost. This person would be available by phone; neighbors could call during daytime working hours and he or she would meet the complainant at the site. Dick said the town needs a person to field complaints without involving the town, such as John Wakefield from the DEC who is head of compliance for air pollution. Grow Compost's proposal included holding an Open House for the community and having either the owners or an employee available to walk through the property during business hours if odors are noticed outside of Grow Compost.

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Neighbors of Grow Compost had questions regarding the process for dealing with odors and the current number of chickens located at the site. After some discussion on each proposal, Tom Martin moved to go into executive session at 6:44 pm, to discuss the legal matter. It was seconded by John Hoogenboom. At 7:21 pm the meeting resumed. There was no action taken from the executive session.

**Road Worker interview** – Tom Martin moved to go into executive session at 7:21 pm to interview Elwin Chambers for the third position on the Moretown road department; seconded by John Hoogenboom. Out of executive session at 7:41 pm.

Tom moved to hire Elwin Chambers. John seconded. All were in favor.

**Pam Nelson re:** water run off issue on Cobb Hill. Rae spoke about a water run off issue brought forward by a complainant Pam Nelson of Cobb Hill, where a tire retaining has existed until now and is collapsing. It needs to be replaced with stone fill and boulders. The wall is built in the town right of way, no one knew when or by whom. The bigger danger is that the wall could fall on an adjacent culvert. Rae asked permission from the board to get the job done. There were no questions from the board. The work was approved by the board.

**General Public Comment was offered:**

Travis Blodgett asked about Trail #18 (was TH #51 Showacre Road); specifically where is the permit to regrade the trail.

Martin Cameron explained that a road maintenance permit was signed for work that had been previously completed, but if more work has been recently completed that would not have fallen within that permit. Travis will provide photos of what he is talking about; Martin will take another look at the trail.

The Road Maintenance Permit is on file at the town offices for public view.

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### **Reports & Communication, Announcements:**

**Schoolboard meeting notes** - Michelle attended the October school board meeting. The following issues were discussed:

- Tom Badowski mentioned a possible grant opportunity for park and ride. As the community parking lot is a designated park and ride, he wondered if the school and the town might collaborate on a grant submission.
- There was discussion about how to best handle the plowing of the parking lot once the town office is complete.
- The school is ready to draw down the deer yard monies that were allocated to them for the playground. They will contact Cherilyn.
- There will be a Spring into Moretown town-wide celebration June 6<sup>th</sup>. The board wondered if the Selectboard might want to use that as an opportunity to show off the completed town office. Michelle will attend an 11/11 planning meeting.

The Selectboard will attend the November school board meeting to discuss these issues as well as the tax rate.

**Approval of the 9/21/15 minutes** – Tom moved; Michelle seconded to approve the minutes from 9/21/15. All were in favor.

### **Old Business:**

**Blodgett litigation** – Calvin and Nancy asked how to proceed with proving property lines and right of ways with their neighbor, Edward Case.

Tom will approach Edward Case about the possibility of using part of his property as access. In the meantime, the Blodgett's will measure, etc.

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**Sidewalk project** – Cheryl was not present so no update was given. It was mentioned that at a recent DRB meeting it was stated that construction would not begin until spring of 2017. The board will ask Pat Travers to give them a written or verbal update as soon as possible.

**Sand pit screening** – The board will check with Cheryl about the sign ordered for the sand pit.

**New Business:**

**Fire department grant** – Cheryl informed the Fire Department Chief via email of an upcoming grant opportunity. Documentation needs to be gathered in anticipation of writing the grant.

**VLCT** - Jason alerted the board to upcoming meetings sponsored by VLCT on: public service and solar energy on 10/28, and town audit issues on 11/15. The matter was referred to John Weir, Zoning Administrator and Callie Streeter and Dara Torre, Auditors.

**Road sand and crushed stone** – Martin said he needed more of both. Tom told him it was already in his road budget, and to go ahead.

**Warmer winter place to meet** – Rae requested a warmer winter site to meet; that is also efficient. The school was suggested.

Tom moved to adjourn; Rae seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.