

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

Draft – unapproved minutes of the 10/9/16 emergency meeting

Present were: Tom Martin, Rae Washburn, John Hoogenboom, Michelle Beard, Jason Aronowitz, Kate O’Neill, Gabe Gilman, Peter Langella, Maxine Grad, Duane Pierson, Jason Stevenson

The boards of Moretown met tonight to join their thoughts about how the town and school can help the families and the community after the death of five local teens. Ideas were brought up but will not happen until and unless the Zschau and Harris families are in favor. Anyone interested in offering help should call Michelle Beard at 496-7758. Ideas included:

- Having a meal train where friends, neighbors and the community get together via an organized setting, and prepare food for the families. If the families indicate this is something they need or would like, a website will be established. Michelle will place more on Moretown Front Porch Forum.
- Opening up the town hall as a gathering place, but Jason Stevenson, Counsellor for Washington West, suggesting everyone should be directed to Harwood Union High School (HUHS), since a team of professional counsellors are assembling to help. Duane will let us know where and when the counsellors will be available in all schools.
- There is grief counseling 10/10/16 from 10 am – 3 pm at HUHS, to be followed by a candlelight vigil at 6 pm at HUHS. Anyone wishing to offer flowers to the families, should do so at HUHS.
- Maxine told of the Vermont Center for Crime Victims Services Compensation Program, whereby up to \$10,000 per application, to help offset lost wages, funeral expenses, supportive counseling, travel expenses, gas etc.
- Duane told of the Mad River Community Fund being available for financial assistance also. Duane will contact the families at some point.
- Later – plant trees at the school dedicating them to Cyrus Zschau and Mary Harris.