

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

Draft – Notice of unapproved minutes of the 1/3/17 Selectboard meeting

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

Guest: Cheryl Brown as board assistant

Tonight’s meeting was dedicated primarily to working on the 2017 town budget.

Reports & Communication, Announcement:

Route 100B winter maintenance – The Selectboard inquired with VTrans about the lack of winter maintenance on Route 100B. It was found that Route 100B is classified as a secondary road so it doesn’t receive the same maintenance as Route 100. The board will continue to address this as a problem with VTrans and refer to the need for “common sense” maintenance for safety, and ask them to re-study the uses of and the traffic load of 100B. Also discussed was some type of alert as a safety device for drivers that 100B is not maintained in the winter to a higher level.

Street lights on Hurdle Road – Residents on Hurdle Road expressed that the new LED lighting in the street lights shine bright into their homes and impacting sleep of some residents. The Hurdle Road residents agree that street lights aren’t needed at all.

Green Mountain Power was contacted and they will remove the bulbs.

Auditor appointment – Dara Torre expressed that she could help Rita LaRocca put together the town report. She would need to be appointed.

Tom moved, seconded by Michelle to appoint Dara. All were in favor.

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Pre-Town Meeting location – Duane Pierson asked if the pre-town meeting informational meeting would be at the school this year. The board thought it best to continue that meeting at the school.

Tom will contact Kate O’Neill about the presentation.

Selectboard reports for the town report – are due to the auditors by 1/13. Board members will forward their reports to Cheryl.

Friends of the Mad River – has applied for a storm water grant via the Lake Champlain Basin Program. Education and Outreach grants are available for up to \$10,000. If gotten, grant funding will be used related to storm water run-off in the Mad River Valley towns, including program management and reach out. The board approved Moretown support the grant request.

Solar – Ask for an update from the Planning Commission regarding continued involvement in the new Act 174 Renewable Energy.

Budget and Article points during the budgeting process:

- A draft budget worksheet was reviewed and revised line by line.
- Departments need to be reminded that they cannot overspend their budget, including individual line items, without the approval of the Selectboard.
- 2% pay raises across the board will be given.
- Discussed was the idea of asking voters for input, via the Town Meeting non-binding article, about several town issues brought up in 2016.
- Discussion followed about having an article for a new dump truck.

There will be a special meeting on Tuesday, January 10th at 5:30 to finalize the town budget and town meeting articles.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.