

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

Draft – Unapproved minutes of the 1/10/17 special meeting of the Select Board, held to work on the 2017 Town budget, Town Meeting articles, and for any other business.

Board: Michelle Beard, Rae Washburn, Jason Aronowitz, John Hoogenboom
Guest: Cheryl as board assistant

John called the meeting to order at 5:30

Work began on the 2017 budget and articles. Discussion included:

- What is a highway dump truck actually used for;
- Would it make sense to buy a good used highway dump truck;
- Changing the percentage and/or have a graduated schedule for delinquent tax penalty;
- Spread out the deficit payback to more than one year's tax rate for less impact;
- Have Cherilyn explain the deficit;
- The probability of the landfill reopening with the new administration;
- Increasing the gravel budget;
- Costs for the town hall repairs. The drainage work and foundation sealant has been done;
- Finalizing the articles for town meeting will happen on 1/17/17.

John moved that the 2017 town budget be \$1,096,417. Michelle seconded. All were in favor. Discussion: The articles will be established on 1/17/17.

Other business:

Street lights on Hurdle Road - The new LED lighting was too bright, and shining inside people's homes. The Hurdle Road residents agreed that street lights weren't needed, and are ok that GMP has removed them.

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Warrants approved: 16071 – e ck #2339-2348 and check # 18411-18413

16072 – check # 18414-18448

17001 - e ck #2349-2358 and check # 18449

17002 – check k# 18450-18487

All four warrants were approved.

Rae moved to adjourn at 7:30 pm. Michelle second. All were in favor.