

Town of Moretown  
Office of the Selectboard

Notice of unapproved minutes of the 10/2/17 Selectboard meeting

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

Guests included: Travis Blodgett, Erick Titrud, Cheryl Brown

Tom M. called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm., and asked for a moment of silence to reflect on the Las Vegas shooting victims and their families.

**Public Comment period:**

**Travis Blodgett** noted the correct name for the Blodgett Trail is #17.

Travis also brought with him a draft of the proposed new access to the Blodgett Trail, saying the “arrow” depicted on the brook was going the wrong way. He and the board reviewed another map that was provided by American Consulting dated 9/15/17. Travis agreed that map showed the correction. Travis was given a copy of the 9/15 map, which once approved by the Selectboard will become a mylar and the new access to the Blodgett Trail.

Travis also brought up that some of the road names on the listing in the meeting room had changed. He is correct, but the listing is for reference only for individuals doing title search and shows “old road” names as well as new road names, which is helpful to title searchers looking for old roads etc.

**Reports & Communication, Announcements:**

**Mad River Valley Community Forum “Climate of Change”**, on Wednesday, October 11, 2017, 5:30-7:30 pm at the Pavilion at Lareau Farm. Meteorologist Roger Hill will be keynote speaker.

**Front Porch Forum article re: tax rate** – posted on 9/21/17 was discussed and found by the majority of the board to be a sufficient explanation.

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Rae expressed his concern that the article did not address the question that it is stated in the town report that we expect the tax rate to increase by .16 and it increased by .26. Most of the increase is because we decided to reimburse the \$160k to the CRF which would be .08 on the tax rate.

**Ron Ward** suggested to Tom M. that the town not work on class IV roads. He also told Tom M. that the road department and the selectboard are doing a good job.

**John Hoogenboom** – will be attending the Town Fair on Wednesday for the Annual Business Meeting and delegate voting.

### **Town Administrator Report**

- Vtrans Grant applied for to resize the catch basins and piping on town, state, and school property (\$255,656) was awarded. Some of the catch basins are under what will be the new sidewalks. There will be more discussion at the 10/16 meeting.
- Historic Preservation Grant was applied for to replace 7 windows in the library (\$7,598). The town's portion would be 50%, \$3,799. The board will work with the library Trustees to come up with a plan to pay the town portion. This grant application was completed by Catrina.
- Doug Reed will be submitting a plan on 10/16 that he thinks will take care of the excess water coming down the hill onto the school and town properties. The water is coming from the town land, causing occasional flooding at the school. This plan will not address the catch basins.

Rae stated the soils are very bad in this area and that Doug Reed is an architect not a civil engineer. It was also requested that Doug's plan be submitted to the selectboard prior to the meeting so we can adequately review.

- Catrina is preparing an inventory of contents in all town buildings.
- PACIF/VLCT insurance renewal is up. The town is very happy with the PACIF coverage and benefits of being a member, and approved renewing with

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VLCT for 2018. Next August or so, bids will be put out for 2019 insurance needs to compare costs.

- The town hall needs a good cleaning. Cheryl will talk with Stefan.
- Moretown's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) is up for renewal in March of 2018. We need the LHMP in order to qualify for a better percentage paid by State and FEMA if we have a disaster. CVRPC said they would help do the re-write for a cost of \$8,000-\$10,000. Cheryl said she would like to try and do the update. The board approved.

**Erick Titrud** – came in to express interest in being Moretown's representative on the MRVRD Field Committee for the Mad River Park recreation. Erick had done research to establish a basic knowledge of what the role would entail; where and how Moretown might be able to take advantage of recreational enhancements; and revenue opportunities to help offset the annual maintenance costs.

Tom B. moved to appoint Erick Titrud as Moretown's representative to the Mad River Valley Recreation District Field Committee for the Mad River Park. Rae seconded. All were in favor. They suggested Erick talk with Michelle too.

**Approval of Minutes for 9/18/17** – Tom B. moved to approve the minutes of 9/18/17 as written with corrections. Rae seconded. All were in favor.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Class IV road maintenance** – Discussion included deleting the classification (A, B) for class IV roads; changing zoning in such a way so that development on a class IV road involves the property owners for cost share in the road maintenance; and we are underspending now on class III road needs, not much left for class IV road maintenance. There will be more discussion at a public forum on 10/23/17, 7:00 pm at the Moretown Town Hall.

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**Investments** – The investment council advisors would like the town to open an account with Vanguard, so once the Selectboard makes a decision how to invest, the account is established. Vanguard products are appropriate for what the town needs, and the price is reasonable.

Tom B. moved upon the advice of the investment council, to open an account with Vanguard Investments. John seconded. Discussion that no monies will be transferred, this is simply approval to open an account with zero funds. All were in favor.

**Public Forum** – will be held on 10/23/17 at 7:00 pm., for open public discussion about maintenance of class IV roads; and to discuss investment options. The forum will be held at the Moretown town hall. Attendance is encouraged.

**Documents approved:**

**Road Maintenance Permit** for Marilyn Spaulding to clean out the existing ditches on both sides of the field.

**Request for waiver of penalty** of \$266.52 for late filing from Ron Ward. Tom M. moved to approve waiving the penalty as requested by Ron Ward. John 2<sup>nd</sup>. All were in favor.

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Tom M. moved to adjourn at 7:35.