

## Town of Moretown

**Draft** – unapproved minutes of the 7/2/12 selectboard meeting

Board members present: Tom Martin, Michelle Beard, Clark Amadon, Reed Korrow arrived at 6:10 p.m., John Hoogenboom arrived at 6:25 p.m.

Guests included: Dean Moulton, Sal Spinoso, Rae Washburn, Becky Ciampi, Tom Gibbs, Deb & Bob Sargent, Martin Cameron, Cheryl Brown as assistant to the board

Tom called tonight's meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### **Public comment:**

**Sal Spinoso** – is running for the second seat in our district for House of Representative as an independent, and came in tonight to give the selectboard an overview of his experience, why he is running as an independent, and why he wants to become a representative.

### **Dean Moulton –**

**Tax Rate** – Dean wondered why Moretown's residential tax rate is higher than the non-residential tax rate. The board explained that the municipal residential and non-residential tax rate is the same however the education tax rate which is set by the State is not. The town has no control over the education tax rate.

**Blodgett trail survey** – Dean asked what the necessity of the Blodgett trail is that the town would spend money on a survey.

It was explained that the legal trail is a public access including leading to private property, and because there was a question about where the trail was located that couldn't be solved to the satisfaction that property owners could access their property via a road they had been using, it was necessary to have a survey done to find it's true location.

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The survey indicates that the legal trail actually goes through a portion of a garage built by Calvin Blodgett, so it is the intent of the town to relocate the trail to an area between Travis Blodgett's house and Calvin Blodgett's garage. The same area that has been used by the public to access their property for 30+ years thinking it was the location of the trail. It was stressed that it is not the position of a zoning administrator to check measurements stated by applicants on zoning applications for accuracy, and if an applicant states that they meet setback requirements from property lines and roads, those measurements are assumed to be accurate.

Dean doesn't think it is a good spending of money.

**Tom Gibbs – (2) letter to the selectboard** - One requesting confirmation in writing of acceptance of his resignation as lister. Tom was given a copy of the 6/18/12 minutes, which reflects a motion that the resignation is accepted effective 7/1/12. A second letter requested a written explanation of why the selectboard denied paying him time for abatement hearings. The board will review Tom's letter prior to the 7/16 meeting and tabled discussion until then.