

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

**Draft** – Unapproved minutes of the 12/9/13 selectboard special meeting

Board members present were: Reed Korrow, Rae Washburn, Michelle Beard, John Hoogenboom arrived at 6:05 and Tom Martin arrived at 6:15

Guests included: Martin Cameron, Scott Baughman, Don LaRocca, and Cheryl Brown as assistant to the board

Rae called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and gave an overview of tonight's agenda.

**Budget work:**

Martin came in tonight to talk about the highway budget; repairs to the highway equipment; and about buying another dump truck. Discussion included:

- The excavator piston and engine need an overhaul. Martin is working on getting quotes for that repair work.
- The dump body on the 2001 truck needs replacing if the town is going to keep it for a back-up truck and chloride truck. Martin thinks it can be replaced for about \$20,000, but will get firm costs.
- The dump body on the 2004 truck also needs replacing if the town is going to keep that truck, but that one could possibly wait one more year. The price for that body would be about \$29,000 for another side dump unit.
- Martin told the board what the mileage was for each truck.
- Martin got quotes for three makes of truck chassis, ranging from \$ 109,000 to \$122,000. The quotes for different makes of dump bodies ranged from \$68,000 to 84,000.
- If a truck was ordered about now, it would be late fall before delivery.
- There was discussion about what truck would be traded in if we were to buy a new truck.

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**Capital Budget** – Don LaRocca came in to talk with the board about revisions that are needed to update the capital budget for the current needs of the town, and to have a document that is easier to understand. Don gave an overview of what he suggests the revisions be.

After reviewing the document, Tom moved to accept Don’s suggestions for revisions to the layout of the Capital Budget Plan. Rae seconded. All were in favor.

**Investments** - Don provided a revised investment plan, which the board will review, but in the interim he suggested that the investment council should get together and begin work to gather investment information to bring back to the board.

Tom moved to establish an interim investment council consisting of Don LaRocca, John Hoogenboom and Craig Eilers. Michelle 2<sup>nd</sup>. All were in favor.

**Other business:**

**Tipping fee litigation** – Tom moved to enter into executive session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss pending litigation for payment of tipping fees whereby premature public knowledge would clearly place the town or persons involved at a substantial disadvantage. Michelle seconded. All were in favor. Cheryl was invited to stay for the discussion.

John moved to come out of executive session at 7:50 p.m. Michelle seconded. All were in favor.

**FEMA notice of non-payment to lengthen bridge #24 on Bridge Road** – Mary Andes from Vermont Emergency Management called earlier today, saying that the town might be on the hook for about \$150,000, what FEMA figures is the cost to lengthen and widen the bridge. Mary said the town has two choices:

1. To close the project and it will be capped at \$1,045,200, leaving the town short about \$150,000 from what would have been reimbursed, but the money would be received pretty quickly; or

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2. Justify why there was an increase in the length and width on the new bridge compared to the old bridge.

Cheryl would like permission from the board to contact State, Federal and DuBois & King personnel who were involved in bridge plans before the board makes any decision, to get their thoughts that the new bridge was built to meet Q25 State Standards for bridges. If that is the case, the town should have a good case to appeal FEMA's decision.

The board approved for Cheryl to call who she needs to and to go after the \$150,000.

**Handicap parking sign for the town hall** – We need to order a handicap parking sign for the town hall that is free standing so it can be moved around to suit the needs.

**Town hall rental contract** – Michelle noted that because of a recent problem when the elevator was damaged during a rental event, that the town hall rental contract should be revised to structure language about the town retaining all or a portion of the rental deposit to make any necessary repairs for damage that happened during the rental event; and for other things such as trash removal.

The board will ask Becky to come in on 12/16/13 to talk more about it.

**Back to the 2014 budget** - Tom wanted to begin the discussion about employee pay and moved to enter into executive session at 8:20 p.m. to discuss employee evaluations. Reed seconded. All were in favor.

Tom moved to come out of executive session at 8:40 p.m. Reed seconded. All were in favor.

Tom moved to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Michelle seconded. All were in favor.