

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

**Draft** - Unapproved minutes of the 2/9/15 Selectboard meeting

Board members present were: Reed Korrow, Tom Martin, Michelle Beard, John Hoogenboom

Guests: Gary Brown, John Hilferty, Tom & Martha Douglass, Jonathan Siegel, Karen Horn, Cheryl Brown as assistant to the board

Tom called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Public comment** – No one in attendance offered public comment

**Approval of Minutes** – Michelle moved to approve the minutes of 1/20/15 and 1/26/15 as printed. Reed seconded. All were in favor.

**Reports & Communication, Announcements:**

**Letter from Attorney General re: Moretown Landfill** – A letter issued to Moretown Landfill Inc., on 2/4/15 from the Office of the Attorney General re: Cell 3 Closure. The AG's office reminded MLI about the need for compliance with the 8/16/13 Consent Order relating to the closure of Cell 3.

**High Meadows Fund Grant Project Proposal** – Grant program and workshop for "Building Resilience in Vermont's Watershed". There is a workshop planned from March 19-21; the application deadline is April 15<sup>th</sup>.

John Hoogenboom and Dara Torre plan to attend the workshop and report back.

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**Moretown Mountain Road (village hill) phase II reconstruction - G.W.** Tatro will be reconstructing the second part of the village hill this year and asked the selectboard to determine when that construction could begin.

The decision was that the construction could begin on June 22, 2015.

**Clerk of the works for town office project** – It seems to make sense to wait to put the bid for clerk of the works out until the construction scope has been completed, which should be later this week.

**Public comment period:**

**John Hilferty** – John came in because he wanted to know if the Selectboard intends to ask voters to change the voting from Australian ballot to floor voting. The board informed John that after having a public hearing and the lack of interest for a change, they would not be asking the voters to change the voting procedure.

**John Malter** – was rescheduled to come into the 3/16/15 selectboard meeting to give his presentation of the Mad River Resource Management Alliance report.

There was spirited discussion about why the Alliance dues about doubled this year for Moretown. Act 148 was brought up as a contributing factor re: unfunded State mandates. It was decided that more information is needed and that our Legislatures and State Senators should be part of the discussion on 3/16.

The board suggested to Jonathan Siegel, Moretown's Representative on the Alliance, that it might be helpful to have bullet points of facts relevant to the increase in waste costs at the 3/16 discussion.

**Planning Commission re: Town Plan** - Karen Horn and Jonathan Siegel came in tonight to formally present the Selectboard with the Town Plan as revised and approved by the Moretown Planning Commission.

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Karen gave an overview of the project to re-write the Town Plan.

- The re-write was based on 2 years of public input
- A consultant was hired to help with the re-write via grant funding
- A two page report was presented to the selectboard listing the revisions from the old Plan
- A copy of the new Town Plan can be found on the town website [www.moretownvt.org](http://www.moretownvt.org)

The Selectboard thanked the Planning Commission for all of their hard work. The Town Plan language as it pertains to the solid waste section will be run by the Town's attorney.

At their next meeting, the board will schedule a public hearing and adoption of the new Town Plan.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Blodgett litigation** – The board felt it necessary to enter into executive session to discuss the civil litigation correspondence from the town's attorney involving the Blodgett litigation stipulation.

Tom moved to enter into executive session at 6:25 p.m. to discuss correspondence from our attorney regarding the Blodgett litigation whereby premature public knowledge would clearly place the town at a substantial disadvantage. Michelle seconded. All were in favor.

Tom moved to come out of executive session at 6:37 p.m. John seconded. All were in favor. No action was taken as a result of the session.

#### **New Business:**

**Informational Town Meeting on March 2<sup>nd</sup>** – The informational meeting will be hosted by the Selectboard this year. It will be held at the Moretown Elementary School on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Tom will prepare an agenda draft and pass it along to the board for comments.

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**Review invoices and sign selectboard orders.**

Items signed were:           Duxbury Fire Contract  
                                  Certificate of Compliance for Road & Bridge Standards  
                                  Overload permits for McCullough & Carroll Concrete

Warrant approval:       #6 A/P           check # 16666-16694  
                                  #7 Payroll     check # 16695-16697  
  e-check # 1853-1862

The check numbers and warrant numbers were checked and found to be consecutive with the last warrant.

Tom moved to adjourn at 7:20; Reed seconded. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Brown  
Town Administrator