

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

Draft – Notice of unapproved minutes of the 2/17/15 selectboard meeting

Board members present were: Tom Martin, Rae Washburn, John Hoogenboom, Reed Korrow (6:15) and Michelle Beard (6:35)

Guests included: Pat Travers, Doug Henson, John Fulton, Frank Piazza, Cheryl Brown as assistant to the board

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

Public Comment Period - No one was present for public comment tonight.

Reports & Communication, Announcements:

CVRPC Appointments – After receiving an email requesting appointment, Tom moved to appoint Joyce Manchester as alternate on the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission; and to appoint Dara Torre as alternate on the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). John seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Town Office DRB hearing continued – The DRB hearing for the new town office will continue on 2/26/15. Tom plans to attend the hearing.

Town Hall water – Apparently there still is no cold water at the town hall. The decision was to have bottled water made available for consumption, coffee etc. until the water can be fixed.

Logging – There seems to be a lot of logging being done on Moretown Common (area) and the question came up whether all of the truckers have overload permits.

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Agenda for 3/2/15 Informational Meeting – Tom offered his thoughts on the agenda, and delegated topics for other board members to speak about at the informational meeting. Tom will pass around a draft agenda for comments.

Old Business:

Selectboard priorities –

- **Fiscal year end** – Changing the fiscal year end was discussed with our CPA doing the recent review. His recommendation was not to change the fiscal year end at this time.
- **Capital Budget update** – Has been completed to reflect the 2015 town budget and will be in the town report.
- **Ideas to increase the tax base** – The listers will be advised to keep their thoughts toward the importance of increasing the tax base, by being aware of new homes, additions etc. that would increase the town grand list.

Blodgett Litigation – The board agreed that executive session is necessary in order to discuss the Blodgett litigation matter.

Tom moved; seconded by Reed to enter into executive session at 6:37 p.m. to discuss the Blodgett litigation whereby premature public knowledge would clearly place the town at a disadvantage. The board clerk was invited to stay for the discussion.

Tom moved out of executive session at 7:00 p.m.; Michelle seconded. Because guests were waiting to give a presentation on the new sidewalks the session ended for now and will resume later tonight. All were in favor.

Sidewalk presentation by Doug Henson and Pat Travers - of conceptual design plans for the new sidewalks in Moretown village. Points of interest included:

- The new design shows names of home owners
- Catch basins will be replaced with new ones
- Aligning the sidewalks may increase the traveled lane of 100B in some areas.
- Because 100B is going to be wider (11' travel lane) there may be speed issues created. This was a concern raised by Frank.

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- The new sidewalks will be safer to walk on
- The plan is to tear up the old deteriorated asphalt sidewalks on the opposite side of the street, with hopes of getting another grant to replace that section.
- The project impact at Hurdle Rd. area was specifically discussed with Frank and John F.

Next Step: Doug will provide a PDF of the design plans and of project documents to the selectboard. The selectboard will need to approve the plans and documents before the project can move forward. The State 1111 permit which allows the town to work in the State right-of-way, will be submitted after the PDF documents have been approved by the State and a traffic plan has been designed. Until then, the design plans remain conceptual.

Rae suggested that Green Mountain Power and Waitsfield Telecom be alerted of the project schedule soon so they can plan for the utility work that needs to be done.

Rae also expressed concerns that the estimated cost projection presented tonight by Doug is low for traffic control and for the cost of the pedestrian bridge. Pat will look into this.

There will be another public hearing in a couple of months or as the project progresses.

The total project cost is \$375,000, with \$337,500 being paid via State/Federal grant funds and \$37,500 being paid by the town. Monies from the deeryard mitigation (Children’s Fund) will cover the town’s share.

To date we have paid:	Staff Sterling Management – Pat, LPM	\$6,097.32
	Lamoureux & Dickinson – Doug, Engineer	\$9,867.83

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Continued discussion about Blodgett litigation – Tom moved to enter into executive session at 8:00 p.m. to continue discussion on the Blodgett litigation whereby premature public knowledge would clearly place the town at a disadvantage. John seconded. All were in favor. The board clerk was invited to stay for the discussion.

Tom moved out of executive session at 8:21. Reed seconded. All were in favor.

Letter from an employee - Tom moved to enter into executive session at 8:21 for discussion relating to an employee matter whereby premature public knowledge would clearly place the employee and the town at a disadvantage. Michelle seconded. All were in favor. Cheryl was invited to stay for the discussion.

Tom moved out of executive session at 8:25. John seconded. All were in favor.

Action: Tom moved to authorize that Cheryl have a loan against her future pay. Michelle seconded. All were in favor. Cheryl's letter was signed as approval for the loan.

Approval of Minutes: 2/9/15 - John moved to approve the minutes of 2/9/15 as written. Reed seconded. All were in favor except Rae; he abstained from voting as he was absent that night.

Warrant # 8 – was approved as submitted. Check # 16698-16725. Check numbers and the warrant number were approved as being consecutive.

Documents signed were: Municipal Policy & Codes for the town office grant
Overload permit for Hinesburg Sand & Gravel
Reimbursement request for the Sidewalk grant
Change Order for GW Tatro to establish a new
start date of 6/22/15 for the second phase of reconstructing the village hill.

Tom moved; John seconded to adjourn at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Brown, Town Administrator