

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

DRAFT – of unapproved minutes of the 1/17/17 Selectboard meeting

Board: Tom Martin, John Hoogenboom, Michelle Beard, Rae Washburn, Jason Aronowitz

Guests included: Jonathan Siegel, Cheryl Brown as board assistant

Tom called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Public Comment: No one present.

Reports & Communication, Announcements -

Common Level of Appraisal – The 2016 Equalization Study resulted in a CLA of 98.52%, down from the 103.33% last year. The sales reflected in the study were reviewed again by the listers, as the idea about possibly appealing the study results was brought up to them. The listers found the study to be in compliance with the study/fair market value criteria in their opinion. There will be no appeal.

Discussion followed how the drop in the CLA will impact the education tax rate. Board members will further study the tax rate formula used by the State for calculating education tax rates; and the Equalization Study.

Old Business:

2017 Town Meeting articles – were reviewed and finalized.

Blodgett litigation – was dismissed via a court Stipulation to Dismiss, finalized on 12/22/16. The next step of laying out the new access can begin. Conditions in the Stipulation will move forward.

Cheney motorcycle accident allegation – The letter received from Tom Cheney's attorney, about an accident happening on the River Road in June 2016, will be forwarded to the town's insurance for investigation.

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6:30 John Malter – Mad River Resource Management Alliance (MRRMA) annual report to Moretown. The MRRMA consists of six towns; Fayston, Moretown, Roxbury, Waitsfield, Warren, and Waterbury. Duxbury left MRRMA in 2016, to join the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District, after a vote of the townspeople approved the change.

Moretown's 2017 alliance dues are the same as 2016, \$9,948, even with Duxbury leaving the alliance. Grants received by MRRMA helped make up the \$8,022 loss from Duxbury leaving the alliance.

The MRRMA report and budget can be found in its entirety in this year's Town Report, including the dates for the 2017 hazardous waste collection events.

The MRRMA budget was approved by the Selectboard. Jonathan Siegel was appointed a Moretown's representative on the MRRMA.

7:00 100B bridge #2 repair hearing - JB McCarthy and Rob Young of VTrans, were here tonight to give a presentation regarding the replacement of Bridge #2.

The intent of tonight's hearing is to provide an overview of the Scoping Report for the bridge project, to town officials and to the public. Reviewed was the existing bridge condition, the alternatives considered, detours during construction, an overall project design and construction schedule.

An electronic copy of the Scoping Report being reviewed tonight can be found at the Town Clerk's office or online at:

<https://outside.vermont.gov/agency/vtrans/external/Projects/Structures/16B010>

Points of Interest for choosing Alternative 2A:

- VTrans team recommended and management approved alternative 2A, which is a full bridge replacement with traffic maintained on an offsite detour during an approximate 2½ month summer closure period, while school is closed.
- Other alternatives appeared as short-term – 15 year solutions;
- There is no cost to the town for this project = 80% Federal / 20% State;
- Alternative 2A is a \$2.4 million project;
- Similar in looks and structure to the bridge near Murphy Road;

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- The bridge was built in 1928, and is considered functionally deficient by VTrans because of its 9' width lanes;
- The new bridge will have 11' travel lanes and 4' shoulders, 30 mph rated;
- The goal is to build an improved structure with low impact to Route 100B (centerline adjustment), to the Pony Farm Road area, surrounding archeological and historic preservation sensitive areas;
- Pony Farm Road is outside of this project limits;
- There is a drastic river channel change south of the bridge, which acts like a dam it is so narrow. Alternative 2A will not involve changing the channel, and will not change the character of the Mad River;
- Site distance will be improved as the centerline of Route 100B will be moved 2-3 feet on the north side for safety. Other alternatives (2B) would move the centerline 15', resulting in more impact to the surrounding area;
- Flooding - This bridge will be designed and constructed to meet 100-year flood standards. It will be 1' higher and there will be more area for flood waters to run through with the new wall and design;
- This study shows nothing about local traffic. The thought is local traffic will use Pony Farm Road, potentially having negative impacts to the town for infrastructure maintenance and local residents. Closer to the construction, VTrans will work with the town regarding provisions for Pony Farm Road maintenance costs and law enforcement for safety concerns;
- Average daily traffic count 3,330. Although there is no recent data;
- Detour and closure signage – North onto Route 100; East onto Route 2; South onto Route 100B. It was suggested to have interstate signage as well, detouring more traffic toward Route 100;

Timeframe:

Conceptual plans, easements, preliminary plans - 2017

Permitting, final plans - 2018

Contract plans, advertising, bids - 2019

2020 summer construction during school vacation

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When asked about doing the project sooner; there appears to be no way to do the project sooner than 2020.

The Selectboard encourages the public to continue with public input, and send it to the Selectboard at mselectboard@moretownvt.net Any input will be forwarded to Dan Currier at CVRPC and JB McCarthy at VTrans.

Twenty or so guests attended tonight's hearing and the sign-in sheet will be recorded with tonight's minutes.

7:30 (scheduled) - Public Hearing for Subdivision Regulations to be voted on at Town Meeting. The hearing actually began about 8:30.

Planning Commission members and 10 or so guests from the bridge hearing listing stayed for this hearing as well.

Hearing for the adoption by vote on 3/7/17 of Subdivision Regulations – The hearing began by Tom reading the hearing warning. Discussion commenced.

It was found during tonight's discussion that the proposed regulation was posted in two areas of the website. The document posted in Announcements, which the warning referenced to, was not the same article posted in Zoning.

The document posted in the Zoning area was the correct document, which indicated revisions made by the planning commission on 12/6. The proposed regulations were handed to the Selectboard on 12/28/16.

The document posted in Announcements was the document prior to PC revisions to section 6.5. The change to section 6.5 was significant enough to stop the regulations from being voted on at Town Meeting, as there isn't enough time to meet warning deadlines for a second public hearing.

Tom moved the document be sent back to the Planning Commission for them to continue their work on any revisions needed. John seconded. All were in favor. There will be no vote on the zoning revisions at town meeting.

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Discussion followed that the town website needs to be cleaned up, and perhaps a web designer hired. Karen Horn said perhaps VLCT can help out.

More OLD BUSINESS:

Town Office – Ruggco invoice – The town received a final invoice from Ruggco for the original contract to build the town office. Maclay has been advised that we need proof from all contractors that they have been paid, and the punch list has to be complete before final payment is made. The town is willing to pay a partial amount though, as will be defined and approved by Maclay.

Park & Ride grant – Rae will write up a scope of work so a request for proposal for a design engineer can go out.

Approval of Minutes:

12/19/16 – John moved; Michelle seconded to approve the minutes of 12/19/16 as amended. All were in favor.

1/3/17 – John moved; Michelle seconded to approve the minutes of 1/3/17 as written. All were in favor.

1/10/17 – John moved; Michelle seconded to approve the minutes of 1/10/17 as written. Tom abstained from voting. The rest were in favor of approving the 1/10/17 minutes as written.

Documents for approval:

Reimbursement request for sidewalk expenses was approved.

Overload permit for Kingsbury Companies, LLC was approved.

Meeting adjourned 9:45 pm.

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Public Information Meeting - Moretown Town Office
January 17, 2017
7:00PM

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