



Unapproved minutes of the August 20, 2007 Selectboard meeting

**Town Clerk/Treasurer business:**

**Byway Project** – signatures needed.

**DuBois Construction invoice** – received for \$70,360 for partial payment on phase II of the River Road project. The invoice needs approval from the town. Before signing, Stephanie wants to touch base with Ernie Englehardt/VTrans for clarification on whether or not the Town can start paying invoices on the phase II grant.

Paula moved to allow Stephanie to approve the DuBois Construction invoice once she has received clarification from VTrans that the grant has been finalized and it is alright to begin paying invoices. Stephanie seconded.

Vote: Don, Stephanie and Paula approved. Rae abstained from voting.

Stephanie will call Ernie or Doug Newton tomorrow.

**BCA meeting on Saturday vs Appeals from members** – Question regarding attending Saturday's BCA meeting if you were appealing your appraisal.

Susan explained that attending Saturday's meeting would not be a conflict of an appeal.

Order sheets were signed.

Invoices were approved for payment.

**Minutes:**

**7/16/07** – Paula moved to approve the minutes of 7/16/07. Rae seconded.

Discussion:

**Page 3 – Town garage site update – paragraph five – the last sentence should read ...**Rae said, American Consulting Engineering & Surveyors (ACES) said we could put a septic system on the Ward property adjacent to the current sand pile is.

Vote: Don, Rae and Paula were in favor of approving the 7/16/07 minutes as amended. Stephanie abstained from voting as she was absent that night.

Approval of the **8/6/07 & 8/13/07** meeting minutes was deferred.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Town Garage Request for Proposal** - Rae will meet with Don and draft a letter that will go out to contractors. Further discussion was tabled until 9/4/07

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**Fire station roof repair** – The Board received a quote from Iron Horse Standing Seam for \$10,500 to install a standing seam roof on the fire house.

Rae said Cecile Percy was also asked to quote the job, but no estimate has been received to date.

The Board will ask Kelly Kindestin if VLCT would be willing to pay \$4200, the estimate for repairing a section on the north side of the roof that leaked this spring, toward the installation of the standing seam. Further discussion was tabled until 9/4 at which time the Board hopes to have an answer from Kelly.

**E911 Coordinator** – George Moulton is retiring as Moretown's E911 Coordinator as of December 31<sup>st</sup>. Paula spoke with Deborah Feldman, Eric Howes and Randy Grandfield about what the town should do to replace George. All felt that more than one person should know how to do the job. Deb plans to meet with George for a lesson soon and will get back in touch with Paula with her comments.

Discussion followed about having a primary E911 Coordinator and two backups. Paula believes Eric may be the primary and the other two backups. More on 9/4/07.

**Sullivan, Power & Co.** – plan to begin the 2007 work soon. Michelle will be in touch with Susan/Jamie soon to schedule the work. Once Michelle comes, Sullivan, Powers will have a better handle on what the costs will be.

Discussion on whether they will start their work from January 1 or April 1.

Paula will find out what Sullivan, Powers suggests.

**New fire department van purchase** – Eric Howes will be scheduled to a meeting in September to talk with the Board about purchasing a new response van for the fire department.

**River Road project update** – Rae gave an update on the work to raise a portion of the River Road (phase II). He said they are working to stone the river bank, place guardrails and on the road base. He said all other work is contingent on the wires being moved from the old poles to the new poles that have to be done by the utility companies.

Stephanie will call Verizon and Green Mountain Power tomorrow for an update on a timeframe for them to do the work so DuBois can finish the project.

Rae said he thinks the road is passable for the school bus as it is but that it might be good to have someone from the bus barn to come take a look.

**Town Hall renovation update** – Don said Tom Keefe is working on plans for the next step of the project for the Board to look at. They should be ready in September.

**Ancient Roads lookup** – Paula has scheduled Paul Gillies to attend the September 17<sup>th</sup> Selectboard meeting to give a lesson on ancient roads lookup. Paula will contact Michelle Lavoie (a paralegal who might be interested in helping out) to attend the 9/17 meeting as well.

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**Village Hill paving** - Rae said the paving has been done and the invoice should be under what they estimated.

He said Craig reported of a crack that might need to be repaired. Rae will take a look at the hill and contact the contractor to make any repairs needed before the Town issues payment for the work.

**Personnel Policy** – Stephanie gave the Board a modal policy (drafted by VLCT) for their review. She said the policy would have to have modifications to meet Moretown's needs. She would like the Board's comments by 9/17/07.

## **REPORTS & COMMUNICATION, MAIL**

**Dog complaint** – a second letter from Robert and Kelly DeFelice asking the Selectboard to take action with the Reyes dogs disturbance.

Paula will contact Animal Control Officer David VanDeusen and ask him to get involved.

**Clarence Wood** – a letter from Clarence stating his concerns with the plans of Martha Price to install a culvert at the top of her private road which would send water down a ditch between Clarence's residence and Martha's private road. Martha stated at a site visit with Craig and Stephanie where she described how the water from South Hill has washed her driveway, that she owns the property the water would be ditched onto. Clarence states he owns the property the water would be ditched onto and objects to the culvert placement for that reason. Clarence's letter mentioned that parties are currently conducting survey's to determine ownership.

Stephanie will ask Craig to hold off with culvert installations until there are survey's done and determinations made on property ownership.

Paula moved to recess at 6:30 p.m. until the 7:00 public informational meeting. Rae seconded. All were in favor.

***Because the Labor Day holiday falls on Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, the first regular Selectboard meeting in September will be held on Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>.***

Paula moved to adjourn tonight's meeting at 8:00 p.m. Stephanie seconded. All were in favor.