

**Town of Moretown
Office of the SELECTBOARD**

Notice of unapproved minutes of the February 18, 2008 Selectboard meeting

Members present: John Hoogenboom, Stephanie Venema, Rae Washburn III.
Paula Mastroberardino and Don Wexler were present via phone from 6:30 p.m. - 7:20 p.m.

Guests: Hoover Austin, Steve Sharp, Carl Wimble, John Malter, Cheryl Brown-Clerk for the Board

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

Approval of minutes:

1/21/08 – Stephanie moved to approve the minutes of 1/21/08 as written. Rae seconded. All were in favor.

1/28/08 – Stephanie moved to approve the minutes of 1/28/08 as written. Rae seconded. All were in favor.

1/30/08 – Stephanie moved to approve the minutes of 1/30/08 as amended to include the correction in paragraph one **Grader** – to clarify that the Town Meeting article asks voter to approve the **financing of the** purchase. Rae seconded the approval of the 1/30 minutes as amended. All were in favor.

2/4/08 – Stephanie moved to approve the minutes of 2/4/08 as written. Rae seconded. All were in favor.

Public Comment: There was none at this time.

Warrants were reviewed and approved.

Invoices were reviewed and approved:

Shane Grace - an invoice from Shane Grace for \$100.00 for two new E911 address processing was approved.

Rodney Huntoon – an invoice from Rodney Huntoon to be paid for 30 hours of his accrued comp-time was approved. The 30 hours paid will be at the time and one half (overtime) rate.

Overload permits were approved for:

S. T. Griswold
Ultramar
Kingsbury Construction Co. Inc.
The Hartigan Company

Certificate of Highway Mileage for year ending 2/10/08 was signed and will be returned to VTRANS.

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6:30 p.m. – Paula and Don attended the meeting via phone.

John moved to enter into executive session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss legal matters whereby pre-mature general public knowledge would clearly place the town at a disadvantage. Paula seconded the motion. All were in favor. Guests left the room.

John moved to come out of executive session at 7:12 p.m. Paula seconded. All were in favor.

Motion: Stephanie moved that we do not conduct a second re-vote on the Hendrickson tax appeal at this time. John seconded.

Vote: John, Don and Stephanie were in favor

Paula and Rae opposed.

Paula stated for the record that since 2/4/08 when she voted in favor of taking steps to dismiss the Hendrickson decision, she has now changed her mind and supports the decision of the BCA.

Don stated for the record that he is torn by the way this event has unfolded and the procedures that have followed.

7:20 p.m. – Public hearing for zoning regulation revisions

Steve said the revisions were driven by FEMA for changes to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Because Moretown is a member in the NFIP, we must change the zoning regulations to be in compliance with the Program. CVRPC, ANR and FEMA have reviewed and approved the revisions. The next step is for the Selectboard to approve the revisions as presented and then for the voters to approve the revisions by Australian ballot.

Rae thinks Section 5.2 – Conditional Use Review (5) which addresses Storm Water runoff, should be clarified to state what the Vermont requirements are which should make the DRB requirements clearer to the applicants to understand.

Steve is not sure putting the State language in the ordinance would solve any issues the DRB might want for requesting additional information, but the PC is certainly willing to include the State's language during the next round of revisions but wonders if it might be better to add educational information material to the application packet so the applicant knows what criteria is needed for town approval.

Stephanie moved to accept the zoning revisions dated January 1, 2008, as presented by the Planning Commission. John seconded. All were in favor.

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Mad River Solid Waste Alliance report - website www.maddriverswa.org

John Malter came in to present the 2007 Alliance report. The report depicts 1,235 gallons of used crankcase oil was collected within the Alliance at their Used Oil Collection Tanks during 2007, which were located at Earthwise Transfer Station in Waitsfield and at the Moretown Landfill. The Alliance continues to work with the Association of Vermont Recyclers to provide educational programs, workshops and theater productions promoting reduction, reuse, recycling, environmentally preferable products and healthy homes. This year the Alliance continued a book recycling program with Got Books, Inc. computer software and video tape to the trailer during hours of operation. This is open to all Moretown residents at no charge. A complete report will be available at the Pre-Town Meeting on 3/3/08 at the Moretown Elementary School and at Town Meeting on 3/4/08 at the Town Hall.

John M. said he is considering changing the Alliance's name to Mad River Resource Management Alliance, as the world really needs to investigate how the waste from products being manufactured or packaged needs to be managed properly.

The fees for Moretown to be a member of the Alliance will remain the same as last year, \$3390, and will continue to be paid by Moretown Landfill, Inc.

Rae moved to approve the 2008 Mad River Solid Waste Alliance budget of \$86,496. Stephanie seconded. All were in favor.

Moretown's representative to the Alliance will be appointed in April.

Public Comment:

Carl Wimble said he would like to ask if any of the Selectboard members would be presenting testimony at the River's quarry hearing. The answer was no.

OLD BUSINESS:

Personnel/benefit plan draft – Stephanie reported that she does not have the final draft ready for the Board to review. When she does she will email the draft so the Board has a chance to look it over before meeting.

Town Reports/financial report status – The Board has received no word on the status of the town reports. Town Reports must be in the hands of the voters 10 days prior

to Town Meeting.

Stephanie has concerns that the Board does not know the status of the reports.
John will call Buy-Monthly Publishing and ask the status of the Town Reports.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Pre-Town Meeting presentation preparation assignments:

John will work on:	the town budget & Moretown landfill business
Rae will work on:	the town garage project/article and grader article
Stephanie “ “ :	road budget and prepare transparencies for presentation
Donny “ “ :	the town hall
Paula “ “ :	audit report/financial report

The Board will meet again on 3/3 before Pre-Town Meeting.

Eric Howes will speak on the fire truck request and Polly Bentley/Trustees will give a Library report.

John will ask Susan for a breakdown of the 2007 legal costs.

Reports & Communication, Mail

2007 Annual Road Report - Stephanie provided the report which lists yearly maintenance costs by road. A couple of additions will be made and a new report run.

Email from Randy Dow – Rae brought in an email from a Gallagher Acres resident which expresses concerns about the Selectboard’s decision of lowering property taxes for Hendrickson because of the proposed quarry site.

John read the correspondence aloud. Dow said, as a taxpayer, he feels if Moretown Selectboard shows favoritism for reduced taxes for land owners near a future quarry yet to be developed, it is not only a premature action, but also opens up a broad spectrum of potential exceptions to Moretown Property taxpayers. Dow goes on to say that properties along Route 2 which surround the landfill, have continual impacts on air quality, traffic volume and land values and that possibly those landowners should seek a reduction in taxes for the impacts from the landfill.

Stormwater Grant – A letter from the Stormwater Committee stating the

Committee met February 12th to prioritize the eligible applications and will send out award and rejection letters soon.

Stephanie said this application if approved, would be a \$60,000 grant to be used to repair an erosion problem on an area of the Moretown Mountain Road.

Town garage - Hoover said Holly Ward's attorney is amending the Purchase & Sales Agreement to include the right of way shown on the survey, the right of refusal for the purchase of the additional adjoining acreage and an annual payment for the land if purchased, rather than monthly payments.

Rae moved to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Stephanie seconded. All were in favor.

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