

**Town of Moretown
Office of the SELECTBOARD**

DRAFT – Notice of unapproved minutes of the March 1, 2010 Selectboard meeting

Present were: Rae Washburn, Stephanie Venema, Dave VanDeusen, Rob Roberts, John Hoogenboom arrived at 6:15

Guests: Earlene Marsh, Amy Deutl, Cherilyn Lamson, Cheryl Brown as assistant to the Board

Rae called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Town hall business:

Project costs to date: Dave will meet with Amy to get project costs so far, before proceeding with other work.

Elevator – While setting up for town meeting earlier today, it was noticed the elevator was not working and a repair contractor was called. It appears an electrical outage caused the lift to stick between floors. During the repairs, the contractor noticed the elevator had not been registered with the State, and he would not work on the elevator without it being registered. This posed a problem for handicap accessibility for tomorrow's Town Meeting. The Secretary of States office advised, because the town hall would not be handicap accessible without a working elevator, tomorrow's town meeting should be moved to Moretown Elementary School. Town meeting will be at Moretown Elementary School.

Furnaces – Amy reported a call from Chuck's Heating and AC, asking if Hoover Austin was going to be paid for anymore work he does at the town hall. Chuck's said Hoover owes him around \$9,000 for two furnaces installed at the town hall.

Rae requested Doug Reed inspect the work that needed to be done at the town hall to be sure it is done, and done satisfactorily. Doug said the work is not complete. Hoover's contract was \$25,188. He has been paid \$20,000 against the contract so far and has requested payment of the remaining \$5,188. The Board will not pay the \$5,188 invoice at this time.

Approval of minutes:

2/15/10 – Rae moved to approve the minutes of 2/15/10 as written. Stephanie seconded. All were in favor.

2/22/10 - John moved to approve the minutes of 2/22/10 as written. Rae seconded. All were in favor.

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Road Department:

Herring Brook Road reclassification – the next step of the process is to approve a written decision of the Board and send that decision to VTrans so they can make the change on the highway map.

Rae moved to reclassify a 0.92 portion of town highway #30 – Herring Brook Road, from Class 4 to Class 3. John seconded. All were in favor.

Truck repairs – Rae reported repairs needed to the 2007 truck and the 1998 truck.

Pickup truck rental - The road crew do not see the feasibility of renting a pickup because the pickup doesn't have a plow or a tow hitch, and the rental costs are pretty high (\$999 month) for the amount of time they would need a pickup without the two implements. Rental vehicles do not include plows or tow package. The decision was to not rent a pickup at this point.

New highway truck – There was discussion about: whether to buy a 1-ton dump truck, a 7-yard dump truck or a 14-yard dump truck; changing the plow routes; what to do if the truck article gets turned down; and when there could be a vote if the town decided to purchase a pickup or small dump truck.

Road Foreman – Rae proposed rates to help the town out as a part-time road commissioner.

Stephanie moved to hire Rae Washburn on a temporary basis to supervise the road crew until we find someone, at an hourly rate of \$23.00 per hour plus mileage at the federal rate. John seconded. All were in favor.

Anyone interested in applying for the Road Foreman job must fill out the application and self assessment provided by the Town.

The next Selectboard meeting will be held on Monday, March 8th, to organize after Town Meeting.

Warrant # 16 and 17 were approved as submitted.

Overload permits for Scott Brown, P & P Septic Service, and Pike Industries were approved.

Stephanie moved to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Dave seconded. All were in favor.