

**Town of Moretown  
Office of the SELECTBOARD**

**Draft** – Notice of unapproved minutes of the October 26, 2009 special meeting held for the purpose of working on the 2010 town budget and town meeting articles

Members present were: Rae Washburn, Stephanie Venema, Dave VanDeusen and Rob Roberts

Guests included: Polly Bentley, Bob Mays, Bill Wilcox, Jonathan Siegel, Amy Gaylord, Kaj Samsom, Sarah Zschau, Tom Allen, John Schmeltzer, Cheryl Brown – assistant to the Board

**Library budget presentation:**

Polly Bentley gave an overview of the proposed budget for 2010 for the library. Discussion on the library budget included:

- Library is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 3-8 p.m., Wednesday 6-8 p.m., Friday & Saturday 10-1 and pre-school Story time is Friday 11:15-11:45 a.m.
- Increases from 2006 are: Circulation 363%, Collection 185%, Hours 1,050%, ILL requests 444%, Patrons 410% (68 to 347), Visits 237% (698 to 2,350), a 334% return on a budget of \$15,000.
- Three paid assistants plus volunteers.
- Donations and gifts from the public, fund raising and help from the Friends of the Library, increased the number of books at the library
- Friends of the Library raised around \$20,000 in cash and in-kind services for book shelving, lighting, computer stations, and structural work to the building that was needed in order to increase the additional weight of having more books. The floor had to be “sistered” to support the extra load.
- A fire safety inspection was done at the library recently. A CO2 detector and a fire detector are needed on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor and a sign over the Rinnai heater vent, showing the vent location is also needed.
- The library budget being proposed is a 27% increase over last year’s budget. The proposal includes a 2% pay increase and for additional hours.
- 476 books were purchased last year because of the help from the Friends, this year about 250 books have been purchased.
- The State does not give the library cash. It does however give \$1,000 worth of free catalog cards and offers free downloading.

Rae said the Selectboard is in the process of putting together a draft budget. Once the draft budget is complete (December or early January), the Selectboard will have a public meeting to introduce the draft budget and allow time for public comment on the draft.

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**2010 budget work and articles -**

Discussion included:

- Put the town-wide reappraisal out for bid soon so it doesn't impact the CLA for longer than necessary, and about bringing in the lister's to the next budget meeting on 11/9 to talk about doing the reappraisal soon (bids) and what it might cost.
- Mad River Valley Health Center letter which requests a \$3,000 line item be placed in the 2010 budget for their allocation. Mad River Valley Health Center will be notified that a petition will be required from them and if received on time, an article would be brought to the voters at Town Meeting for the allocation.
- Dave figured the livable wage for Moretown's employee should be \$13.55. Dave thinks every employee under \$13.55 should be brought up to that amount. Dave will provide the formula he used to come up with the \$13.55 threshold.
- Road work plans for 2010 - Craig will be asked to come to the 11/9 budget meeting at 6:00 to talk with the Board about his plans for road work in 2010.
- Better Back Roads grants will be applied for to do work on Lover's Lane Road and Dickerson Road.
- Whether to go forward with the ACS program presented by the Town Clerk and increase clerk fees for dog licensing, copying, landfill stickers etc., to help offset.

**Proposed articles discussed -**

- land records restoration - \$10,000
- reappraisal fund - \$20,000
- bridge & culvert fund - \$10,000
- community requests
- highway truck – 7 yard or 14 yard dump
- quarry litigation – budget or article?
- landfill – amount from landfill revenue to be used

The above are subject to changes.

The next meeting to work on the 2010 town budget and articles will be held on November 9, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. at the town offices.

As designated warrant signer, Rae signed warrant # 88 & 89 as presented.

Dave moved to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Stephanie seconded. All were in favor.