

**Town of Moretown  
Office of the SELECTBOARD**

**DRAFT – Notice of unapproved minutes of the November 9, 2009 special meeting of the Selectboard to work on the 2010 Town Meeting articles, budget and budget related items.**

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

Guests present were: Jonathan Siegel, Cheryl Brown-Board assistant

Working with Rob's draft, Rae provided a draft budget of his view of what the 2010 budget should be, which was reviewed and discussed category by category. Amounts were revised. Discussion included:

- **Library** - How to fund the library this year – by budget or article, and how much will be funded. Get the word out about how expenditures affect the tax rate. Facilitate public opinion. To have an article asking voters if they want to support the library another year; pre-budget meeting debate for public comment about funding the library; and part budget and part article to fund the library.
- **Law enforcement** – remove law enforcement from the budget entirely; reduce the budgeted amount; ask the voters if they would like to cut or keep Washington County Sheriff Department services; and what would we do if we cancel WCSO services and then had a problem and needed law enforcement.
- **Quarry litigation** – what might be expected when the Judge's decision comes through – ask Ron Shems how long the Board would have to make a decision; would there be time for a vote; what costs the town could expect for action on the decision. Rae will call Ron Shems to see if he would be willing to come in and talk with the board free of charge, to talk about what they might expect charges would be (depending on the Judge's decision), and what the time frame would be for taking action, so they have an idea of what/if to place for a Town Meeting article.
- **Mad River Byway** – budget was reduced.
- **Highway budget** – no monies placed in budget for sidewalk repair this year; Rae will talk with Craig about road projects, whether to have an article for a new highway truck; and would that truck be a single axle truck or a tri-axle truck; would a tri-axle truck be able to maintain some of the town's smaller roads; Craig said a larger truck to haul loads is safer; talk about the town purchasing a smaller one ton truck; adding \$2,500 to the budget to maintain town trails that have serious erosion problems; reducing the budget from \$442,598 to \$425,000.
- **Town wide reappraisal** - \$5,000 article to add money to the reappraisal fund.
- **Planning Commission** – reducing the budget from \$2,500 to \$1,500.

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- **Mad River Valley Seniors and Waterbury Seniors** – requests for allocation will not be a line item in the 2010 budget. The Selectboard are requiring that a petition be submitted this year for all allocation requests. Cheryl will call both Senior Centers to let them know petitions are required.

**Memo from Amy Deutl** – the memo will be reviewed at the November 16<sup>th</sup> Selectboard regular meeting.

As designated warrant signer, John signed warrant number 92 and 93 as presented.

Stephanie moved to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Dave seconded. All were in favor.

**The next regular Selectboard meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>.  
The next budget meeting will be on Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>.**