

**Town of Moretown
Office of the SELECTBOARD**

Draft – Unapproved minutes of the 3/22/10 Selectboard special meeting held for the purpose of discussing the purchasing a used pickup truck from the Capital Reserve Fund to be used by Moretown’s highway department, and to sign warrants.

Members present: John Hoogenboom, Rob Roberts, Stephanie Venema, Dave Van Deusen, Reed Korrow

Guests: Paul Andrews, Kara Herlihy, Jonathan Siegel, Hoover Austin, Don LaRocca and Cheryl Brown as assistant to the Board

John called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and explained that at the last meeting a motion was made to spend up to \$15,000 from the capital reserve fund for a used pickup. A used pickup was found for around \$24,000, so now we would have to change the motion if we decide we want to buy it. John said we have no idea who we will have as a road foreman. If the foreman we hire has a truck that he/she would use for the highway department, we might be buying a pickup for nothing.

Discussion included:

- Eric Howes has been very generous in helping with the use of his truck for the towns needs.
- A ½ - ton pickup is too light duty for plowing snow.
- Prioritize what the needs of the highway department are after a foreman has been hired and has had a chance to make an assessment. Foreman applications are due April 1st.
- Can not find a decent pickup for \$15,000.
- There could be unexpected expenses ie: the \$2,100 just spent to bring the highway shop up to VOSHA specifications; sidewalk tractor repairs etc., that we might need the capital reserve fund for.
- Somehow replace monies spent from the capital reserve fund.
- Breaking down the funds from the capital reserve fund into specific departments ie: highway, fire department, so if you need money it is already allocated to that department when an unexpected need arises.
- Purchasing a pickup truck now, might have an impact on how people vote to buy a large dump truck later this spring.
- Why we need a pickup truck?: pick up parts, haul culvert thawer and chipper have been the most spoke of needs. About the possibility of using a pickup to snow plow the roads the town currently hires contractors to do. Since it is spring and culverts are thawed out, talk to the road crew about using their pickups for another month or so until a foreman is hired and has a chance to assess what we need. They would be paid mileage at the federal rate as they currently are.
- If a 1-ton truck was purchased the roads being contract plowed now, could be plowed and sanded.

- What plow routes need to be done first to accommodate the school bus? Mountain Road and River Road routes definitely. The Cobb Hill route does not involve school buses.
- Craig's choice for needs for a new truck was a 14-yard dump truck.

John moved that we do not purchase a pickup truck at this time, from the capital reserve fund for a sum of \$15,000. Reed seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The road crew will take the pickup they have been using, back to Capital City on Wednesday.

Warrant #'s 22 and 23 were approved as submitted.

Stephanie moved to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Dave seconded. All were in favor.