

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Mooers held November 13, 2013 at the Mooers Office Complex commencing at 7:00P.M.**

**Present:** Cory Ross, Supervisor  
Earl Robinson, Councilman  
Steve Barcomb, Councilman  
Eugene Bushey, Councilman  
Gerald LaValley, Councilman

**Recording Secretary:** Rena Bosley, Town Clerk

**Others Present:** Eugene (Dick) Boulerville, Supt. of Highways  
Raymond Phair, Fire Chief

**Meeting:** Supervisor Cory Ross called the Meeting to Order at 7:00PM, then he asked Rena Bosley to lead them in the "Pledge of Allegiance", which she did.

**Minutes:** All the Board Members were asked if they had read their copy of the October 09, 2012 Minutes and November 7, 2012 they all replied yes. Supervisor Cory Ross then asked if there were any omissions or corrections of which there was one. It was written that Councilman Earl Robinson was present but, in fact, he was not. This correction was then made. Councilman Steve Barcomb then made a motion to accept the October 09, 2012 Minutes as written and Councilman Eugene Bushey seconded the Motion. The result of a Roll Call was 5 AYES and 0 NOES, therefore Supervisor Cory Ross declared Minutes accepted as written.

**Highway Department:** Highway Superintendant Dick Boulerville stated that the sanders were ready for this coming season. He also stated that the pump house was ready for inspection except for the doors.

**Fire Department:** Chief Raymond Phair dropped off the report for October 2012 and it contained the following: Station #1 had 8 calls and Station #2 had 1 call---Incident types were Power Lines=1---MVA=4---CO2=1---Burning Smell=1---Man Down in Road=1. Vehicle 251(Pumper) used 6 times, vehicle 252(Brush Truck) used 2 times, vehicle 254(Pumper) used 1 time, vehicle 257(Heavy Rescue) used 7 times and vehicle 258(Tanker) used 1 time.

Chief Raymond Phair also dropped off the report for September 2012 and it contained the following: Station #1 had 4calls and Station #2 had 1 call---Incident types were Auto Alarm=1---Storage Shed=1---Unknown Type Fire=1---Garbage=1. Vehicle 251(Pumper) used 2 times, vehicle 252(Brush Truck) used 2 times, vehicle 253(Squad) used 1 time, vehicle 254(Pumper) used 3 times, vehicle 257(Heavy Rescue) used 2 times and vehicle 259(Pumper) used 2 times.

**Zoning Department:**

Supervisor Cory Ross - At this time we have a presentation by Jess Dixon the Town Code Enforcement Officer regarding the Community Center / Library Project. After the presentation I'll open the floor for questioning...questions or comments. It is very important that we are respectful to each other and not talk over each other. And when called on, we have a new Town Clerk, so it will be easier for her if you state your name and then make your comment or ask your question so she can have it for the minutes. So are you ready there?(to Jess)

Jess Dixon - Like Cory said, for those of you who don't know me, I'm Jess Dixon the Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of Mooers. I've been tasked by the Town with finding out all the information about the Library, with regard to the codes, getting quotes, material lists, making sure of the proper zoning, all that. That's why I'm giving this presentation tonight for anybody that might not have heard the facts. There is a lot of stuff that has been in the paper and a lot of things that have been talked about here and talked about there. This is basically a factual thing, it is what we have as a Town Board, what the plan is, and how we plan to continue with the project. And just in case, I know everybody thinks they want to use the term library with just a couple of dusty books on a shelf laying in a corner, it is a community center/library. We have a librarian who is going to head it and we have other volunteers that are definitely going to be involved. There is a lot more to it and I'll show you when I do the

presentation. Can everybody see that ok or should we turn the lights off up front here. I think it's the one closest to door if you wouldn't mind hitting the light switch. Perfect. Is that good? I don't normally like reading power points but I knew everybody wouldn't read it themselves and make their own decisions. Make no mistake, The Fire Department in our town is second to none. That being said it would be appreciated if information given or statements made in support of the library, not be misconstrued to mean that in some way a slight toward the department. Every individual has the right to their own opinion and input without fear of being chastised for their comments. When referring to "The Fire Department," I mean those that have put themselves out in front of this controversy in order to influence its outcome by speaking for and signing documents in the name of the entire organization. I for one would never presume to speak for other people. Continuing to blurt out statements that are un-true for the sake of attention are harassing and indicate a mob mentality which is unprofessional. Please be courteous and respectful of others. Thank you. This is the proposed basic layout of new community center with complete handicap accessibility for bathrooms, electronic door entrance and fire door. You push the button. They open up, just like downtown Plattsburgh. This is the complete material list. Now I mean I got four pages of it, so I didn't want to put four slides up. The basic price is down here at the bottom, \$22,000 and change. I have the list. Anybody ever wants to see it, in fact I handed it out to individuals already and asked for replies back if there was anything I missed. It's not, we're not talking the price that's quoted that everybody is going to walk in and start using computers ok? We have already discussed with the Town and this has been made perfectly clear that this is the structure, complete with lighting, heat, electrical, insulation and finished walls inside and ready basically for setup. We still need flooring, there is still some expense to it. But just like anything else, you work within your budget and you can make it happen. The toilet fixtures, miscellaneous finish hardware...first I handed out copies to individuals for input and assistance, not one single reply but some tried to pick it apart at other Town Board Meetings. When I hand things out I'm not trying to be vindictive or anything, I really would appreciate input to say you missed this or you missed that....instead nobody replied back to me. This is the materials and labor for the concrete slab... \$7,800, that includes everything. Obviously, Wayne Supernaw and just to make it perfectly clear, I've heard people throw out, don't things have to go to bid, don't they have to do this, don't they have to do that. Not every construction company does concrete, so you have to do the concrete and you have to do the building. Over \$20,000 it's got to go out to bid, you have to give a time, people bid on it and nothing under \$20,000, I checked with the state engineer and he said if you are going to get your own materials, if you're going to do two separate parts to the project it doesn't have to go out to bid. This is what we did for the concrete slab. Next slide. Constructing the building itself \$19,200. That is like I said, shell complete, I have a complete list of all the materials that would be included to put the complete shell up and that way the accessibility for closing it for winter if we had other contractors or we had town workers and we had volunteers and we had anything, we could work on it during the winter. The cost of labor for installing the septic system because we checked it out, spoke to Leon, it wouldn't be able to handle it, like, you know, like Labor Day a lot of times the leach field gets overwhelmed or whatever and it's a long run from here all the way over there. So, for the price of it, a total cost of \$2,989, we can update it, it'll be brand new, it'll be good forever. These are the engineered design plans for the septic from Moser Engineering. Had a percolation test done, there were some concerns that you know you couldn't even put one back here, I was glad that was brought up because you know, you never know...you dig a hole and what do you got. We did, in fact, amazingly enough it's under five minutes so it's no need for special requirements there...again Moser. And here is the design plans for the building itself. There was questions about the plans, there was questions about all these other things. I'm not an engineer, he is. He did up with how we need to design the building. Again, no major special requirements. It's a public building. Total project costs - materials...\$25,000, Labor...\$26,275, Total...\$51,275. Current funds available...\$22,000 we already had earmarked, \$16,000 in grants received thus far, ongoing, \$20,000 surplus property sale, that's a guess, don't quote me to that...oh we're going to get \$20,000 or tell me that we're not going to get \$20,000. Talked to the assessor, talked about the current assessed value, had to come up with a, that's basically, that's probably what it's worth. Total is \$58,000, that leaves us a plus of \$6,725 and that plus wouldn't last long. I understand that when you talk about flooring, when you talk about other things. So it would be put to good use, don't get me wrong. The following programs have been discussed and planned for: the new Town of Mooers

Community Center. Again, like I said, it's not just a library with a couple of dusty books. There needs to be some kind of economic growth. We need to boost this town. We got to do something. Job Training Center...Jackie talked about bringing in a satellite unit from One Work Source down there. If you're looking for a job you don't have to travel all the way down there, you can come right in here. Jackie will help you out, hook you up, you can research for jobs, find something. Meeting room for official personal business...if you want to meet with a bunch of people, where do you do it around here? You got to try to get a Town office, you got to do this...it will be open. You just call and say hey, I want to meet with five realtors who are talking about buying a couple pieces of land. You sit down, there will be tela-conference there, there'll be wi-fi there. Computers to research anything you might have at that time. After school programs, community gardens, environmental sustainability talks, college internships, life skills, all that. I go to Plattsburgh State, I'm finishing up my Masters in bio Science. I've talked to a lot of professors and everybody says that they are crying for internships. They can send a max of three students down here to do an internship and help our community. Senior mentoring for the youth programs and senior's arts programs. Jackie could get a grant right now for senior artists to come down and local artisans for painting, quilting or whatever, but we don't have a facility to do yet. There is nothing better than to have our seniors come down and teach our youth, there is a wealth of knowledge in what they've experienced as compared to someone with a degree or anything else. Educational programs for children such as fire safety, first aid, emergency services, things like that. Ya know, just to supplement what they are taught in school, I don't know if they have time to teach Stop, Drop and Roll anymore or Stranger Danger. Establishment of support groups such as cancer survivors and parenting. You got a new set of parents in town or something like that, they need help finding their way around, a Business Resource Center where our local businesses can be found. Have a whole billboard of business cards or things of that nature, someone new in town that needs to get something done, it will all be right there. The zoning law, everybody said that it wasn't permitted in town for public/semi-public use...there is two pages. You look at the first one, it says it's page seventeen it has an X in the mark under commercial and it is permitted. This is the building permit itself, it has been done since October 31 and has been posted on that door over there, because you have to post a permit if you are going to be having any kind of construction. Even though we haven't actually constructed anything yet. We have done a soil test and a percolation test. The property boundaries of the current library are the left side of the building is the property line and the right side of the building is the right property line. You have from the there to the road and behind it I think we have like eight feet. That is the size of it. For parking spaces I think we have like two, one which should be handicapped. It was built in 1932. Moving on to the aspect of the Labor Day festivities, people say it can't be done any more or we will no longer do it or anything of that nature. This is the basic layout right here, there is 173,900 square feet currently back therewith 160 feet of frontage of the parking lot. After the building there will 171,900 square feet to continue to do the festivities with 120 feet of parking lot frontage. It's a 2,000 square foot building, it's 40 x 50 building, located centrally between this building and that building with access to the end of the parking lot there, it still leaves access from this side, the other side, over here just like normal. People claiming that The Mooers VFD owned the property that the fire station and town office complex sits on, the property was then turned over to the village of Mooers. That is a statement that has been thrown around in the papers. This is completely fabricated. Having researched the entire property back to 1934, there is absolutely no record of ownership by the fire department. And again, I am speaking to the people who have put these statements out there. Three separate parcels owned by individuals were conveyed to the village and then to the town as displayed by the following documents. Someone at the time of transfer may have indicated that it was for the Fire department or acted as if they acquired it under that premise, but they too fabricated that information. Here's the three...

Jack Dragoon - You should have been around then.

Jess Dixon - If you could hold your comments to the end, that's fine. We will do questions. Here is the previous tax map indicating three parcels: 14, 15 & 16. Current parcels: one, 16.

Katie Evans - Can you just go back two slides? So you're showing what it was in 1934?

Jess Dixon - No it's like 1968. And in 1970's is when GIS was established and everything went to tax rolls. This is basically the idea of what was laid out when it started. Floyd Dragoon to Earnest Sample in 1972. These were the three deeds that existed, now there are several before that which brought us from 1934 to all the way forward but these are the final three deeds. This is Earnest Sample to the Village of Mooers, 1979. This is parcels 15 and 16, which is right here and the large parcel out back which combined both into 16. This a merger of a lot, 14 and 16 by John Dragoon, Town Supervisor, accepting the property from the village. This combined lot 14 and 16 all into lot 16. If doing work on town property or securing funding for a project allows said individual or group to completely dictate what the town can do with stated property; then I will now tell the town what their "allowed" to do with the Mooers rec-park.

As the town coach for the Pee-Wee and Pony baseball leagues I and my team organized, funded and built the dugouts and in their entirety replaced the baseball fields with red clay, in-ground bases and \$1600.00 worth of uniforms. I mean it's only fair, if that's what happening here, if you did some work or you seen something to be done under your premise, that's what I did over there but it's still the town's property. Letter from parks and recreation denying historical status for current library. Based upon comments and documents produced requesting such things as "traffic studies" by opponents of a new Town Community Center/Library, I have verified the legitimacy of the town plan to proceed with the project. In addition: through verification by Glen Cutter, Clinton County Planning Board Chairman, Whitney Russell, State Engineer for Code Compliance, and Steve Imhoff, Plattsburgh CEO for 20 years: Municipalities are not required to request a variance for municipal buildings. The Town Board has "the inherent right to govern the town-ship, they are elected officials." Did anyone ask if we could build a post office or fire department? I mean, these are town necessities. These are things that people can't really object to. I mean you can't say, "well we're not going to have a post office" just because somebody doesn't want one. They are municipal buildings. This is the Town Plan Cover Sheet for needs assessment. It was done in 1981. Item number one on the list from 1981 is to improve the existing library facility. It was number one on the list since 1981. Interestingly enough, although it has been at the top of the list of objectives since 1981, absolutely nothing has been done by our previous town elected officials until now. Oddly enough the project is being resisted mostly in part by those said officials that have failed the town in this respect. And literally it has been on the top of the priorities list since 81. In order to be ADA compliant, ramps must be at a slope of no more than 1:12, 1:16 preferred. We hear a lot of talk on just puts ramps in or just do this. So to reach the door at 4.5 feet a ramp would have to be 54 feet long. It cannot exceed a vertical rise of 3 feet without a second ramp. They both have to be 3 feet wide with top and bottom landings 60"x60" and that's just the front door, I won't tell you the calculation to reach the basement. Add handrails, traction and covered roof. Then we start on the bathrooms, aisles, shelves, desks, emergency exits. You know... that's enough said there. That line says, "Begin construction of additional facilities." It never happened. Timeline of events regarding the Community Center. 1981-Needs assessment indicates library needs improvement. 1996-Comprehensive plan for town done and ignored. July 2010- Buildings investigated for use as a library; -Blue Note, Methodist Church, Monett's, RJ's... 2010-Community oriented librarian initiates first grant proposal along with Clinton, Essex, Franklin Library System. 2011-Estimates for ADA compliant building = approximately \$25,000 at that time in 2011. 2011 Town officials return from NYC AOT and state, "If someone complains about ADA issues at library, all the businesses in town will be inspected..." September-\$22,000 ear-marked for the library. 2012 March- ADA regulations require \$40,000 to improve library. 2012 May- first grant received. 2012 Summer- Library committee formed and as a result picked a location here at the town complex. Inspection done and boundaries investigated for improving the old library. I went down there, I measured everything, I went down to the real property office. Newspaper articles written with false information. Town board votes(twice) to proceed with the project. Specific individuals resist the project with petitions, propaganda and half truths(begins to sound like a political smear campaign about a community center). Town board investigates and continues with project. This was a mailer by the Fire Department. And because we were being criticized in Town and the people on the library project about the budget and how we can't stay in the budget and how we can't do anything, it opened the door, I mean, "the fire department has been attending the meetings for the past several months and expressing our opinions..." These are from the minutes, anybody can get a copy of the minutes to verify anything that I've got

here...Yes they have, so how can they say, "All of a sudden the library is being built at the Town Complex" as discussions of moving the library began in 2010? They have been expressing their opinions -"emergency vehicles enter and exit during responses, very fast and could hit a child." These are literally from the minutes. "If your house was on fire would you want them to go slow?" First of all, I would want them to be safe, secondly, is this a consideration when someone rents the "club room" to have a baby or bridal shower? Or a retirement, how about a raffle? The parking lot is completely full when that happens. Library parking would be at the North end of the lot as indicated in a past picture. If you hit those cars, you were going to the wrong fire station. -"fix up the old library, additions, ramps, lifts..." I've heard everything. That's been the plan for 31 years during the tenure of the individuals in opposition to a new library---it never happened. After 31 years, the building is just a tad more dilapidated. Additions? On other people's property? Over the well? The well sits literally right in front of the library, you can't build an addition right over your own well. Take up 1 of the 2 whole parking Spaces? Ramps? And again we went over the ramp issue. It would take about 15 ramps, 40 feet long to get to the basement. Lift? \$40,000 and then excavate the entire building to put a lift in. It would have to be completely reinforced, completely buttressed to accept any new construction. And then you have to go by 100% new construction ADA compliance. "Labor Day festivities provide money for the fire department so we don't have to ask the town for money or cost the taxpayers more money and the library would prevent us from having it..." Now that is a quote from the paper. Currently the fire department reserves the right to hold the 1-day-a-year "festivities" on 173,900 square feet of taxpayer/town property to benefit(monetarily) only the fire department. The Library is a 2000 square foot structure on, every year when I give my donation, is used to be a wet-hole and garbage collection point, right where that is. That leaves 171,900 feet to continue to hold the event. It's not going to affect it. The fire department receives its budget independently from the town based on the total assessed value of each taxpayers land, not the "taxable" land. If you are a farmer and you get a tax-exempt, you pay taxes on such and such, the fire department gets the full assessed value. Therefore, taxes are not hurt or helped by the labor day event. Taxes aren't helped or hurt by the Labor Day Event. If there wasn't an event we wouldn't have to go to the town and ask to raise taxes because of the Labor Day Event. The Labor Day Event doesn't affect the taxes whatsoever. If it helps the town budget to have the event, then why has the fire department asked for money (and received it) for the panic buttons, pump house repairs, radios, over-head door (\$700), UV light for The "Club Room" installed by Leon Menard (\$4200), ( heaters replaced at station 1 and 2(\$5200), and in 2012 \$9000 for 5 sets of Turn-out gear. The fire department knew they needed them due to the shelf life, we had a discussion here, certain shelf life had come due. If they need the equipment, I mean nobody is saying that they don't. But the simple fact is, it's on a schedule and when they are going to expire you are going to need more. Instead they built a 24' x 24' building out here. Operating within your allotted budget is crucial to a town. Taxes raised or taxpayers money? \$22,000 put aside for the library, \$16,000 from grants, income from sale of old library, donations, budgeted money, saving from heat, snow and garbage removal, insurance, rentals, programs, etc., etc., This helps us generate money. Not only do we save on the insurance, it'll be on location. We'll save on heating, we'll save on anything having to do with the old library. It's budget effective to have it here. I was speaking to the assessor, I don't fully understand, I am not an accountant. Taxes are received, they go to the states, the state takes their chunk, it goes to the counties, you know they dribble down the ladder to us...we get some of our own tax money back to go to our own town. Now, the way it's based is if your town, we don't pay taxes as a town...If your town is assessed as being worth more, you get more of the county money. So with the library being here, it will actually give us more money back from the county. I spoke to the assessor about it and the calculation mathematically by what each town, the fourteen municipalities receive from Clinton County. And the petition...you know this petition that has been run around it's not a viable document. The signatures must be verified by the board of elections as town voters. The signees must be contacted and verified. The petition must be concise with its information and content and have a valid point of contact "fire department property" is in-valid. It must be filed with the Town Clerk. Must be on the agenda. The signatures cannot be coerced at places of business by petitioners at local lumber companies for 30 minutes. You know, you got to put the petition out and let people sign it, don't go looking for them. Lastly, even if they are valid, 200 people on a petition do not equal 75% or 90% of the Population as stated in the paper: Population of

Mooers=4000, that's the summer population because we got a lot of snowbirds, Signatures=200, Equals  $1/20=.05=5\%$  Simple Math. The steadfast nay-sayers of the proposed new community center have had their turns in office, quite lengthy, to improve the quality of living in this town and prevent it from becoming desolate, dilapidated and behind the times. It's time for them to step aside and allow progress and for once not interfere and let the current community-minded town board enable its citizens and not disable them with rhetoric and self-serving policies. Sustainable hometown development, its give you a sense of place. Thank you all for your time and attendance. Please take a moment and witness your elected town officials today; addressing the opposition of a select few who prefer an all for one attitude rather than the one for all approach that this Town Council supports through the establishment of a new community center/ library in our town. Thank you. Now I'll open the floor up to any questions and I would appreciate it if you went one at a time.

Randy Rabideau - Did you get Sample Lumber to look at your quotes?

Jess Dixon - What's that?

Randy Rabideau - Your quotes on the prices for the materials?

Jess Dixon - Yeah, well anybody can come on in and look at it as a tax cut.

Jack Dragoon - There is a lot of stuff that is off of here.

Jess Dixon - Yup, and I also offered for you to take a look at it and please give me a call and let me know what you think. Back at the last Town Board meeting you could have told me.

Randy Rabideau - There is other places to put the library than over there?

Jess Dixon - They researched it, they checked it all out. They were actually going to put it behind this building over here but it couldn't go there.

Cory Ross - Before we get too deep into this, could you please state your name before you comment on it. Then the Town Clerk will have your name for the minutes. We are recording it to help her keep up with the notes.

Jess Dixon - Yeah, like I said we investigated where to put it, people were mentioning donated land, people mentioned that we could put it another buildings, there are no buildings in town that are reliable for it, no one came forward to donate land. This is the Town Complex, it's already paid for. There is a lot of critics about not being able to afford it in the budget, so if we go buy land we definitely can't afford it. I mean there was some opportunity to look around somewhere but putting it right here seemed to work out the best.

Shannon Phair - The donations that they collected from local businesses for the ramp, are those being refunded to those businesses?

Jess Dixon - I'm sorry, can you say that again please?

Shannon Phair - They went around and collected donations from local businesses to build a ramp. Were those returned to the businesses?

Katie Evans - ....*couldn't hear* ...

Beverly Perras - That's a lie. That's a lie.

Jess Dixon - She answered the question.

Someone - They put it in their pocket.

Jess Dixon - Are you guys aware of anything?

Jackie Madison - I'm the librarian now and to my knowledge there has not been any donations gathered...

Donald Perras - Oh I do, I do.

Jackie Madison - Before I say that, I'll reference it by saying that I have only been there since May of 2010.

Donald Perras - It was after that, it was this past spring.

Jackie Madison - There has never been any mention of a ramp during my time there.

Beverley Perras - I wrote it on the check.

Jackie Madison - Well, I meant to ask you if you could show me what was officially given to you.

Donald Perras - Well I didn't bring it with me, obviously, but...

Jackie Madison - Well, send it to me, please?

Jess Dixon - So you gave ramp donations basically, ...

Beverley Perras - We gave a donation, we have our check.

Donald Perras - You came and I gave you a donation.

Katie Evans - Those donations were for our author day.

Beverly Perras - That's not...

Donald Perras - That's not what you told me.

Katie Evans - Yes, it is. I came and gave everybody a letter saying we're having an author day. It was our second annual author day.

Donald Perras - Ok

Katie Evans - I mean, I can provide that...

Donald Perras - That's ok.

Jess Dixon - As for what money was used for something like that, we can definitely investigate it and if the ramp isn't built we'll give it back.

Shannon Phair - My second question is, if you're so sure that the community members, all the community members, I mean a lot is being pushed on the fire department because they came forward and stood for it. Now I don't particularly like you bashing the fire department.

Jess Dixon - I didn't.

Everyone got very loud at once...

Shannon Phair - I didn't talk through your presentation so you got to be quiet during mine. I've had both sides, I've been a volunteering EMT for nine years, you know what, anybody that wants to stand here and bash them, you remember, who's going out and picking you guys up at 20 below and your house is on fire or in a car trapped, ok. Maybe, the whole issue here is that how you guys did it wasn't right. You guys think that maybe, and we all know who does the maintenance here, it's the fire department, it's beautiful because they keep it up. And it's these men and women who do it. I not against the library, I'm not for the library. I don't think that spending fifty thousand dollars on a library is feasible. I don't think that we need to, I don't think that we have enough people that use it around the community. But you sitting here and pushing it all on the fire department and these people, is wrong. You all know that up there. And I heard a comment said the other day, that if these forty-five people don't like it, you can replace them with forty-five more. I tell you...I didn't cut in, so don't you...but you know what, for an EMT, those people go to school for six months, two nights a week and you have to recertify every two years. It's a lot of time that you are away from your family. For the firemen, you're up here every Monday night making sure your equipment is ready to go. You get called out on Thanksgiving and Christmas to be away from your family. My whole point is this, why

aren't you putting it to a vote for the community. The library is not going to provide for me when my husband gets hurt or my son who is seventeen years old.

Somebody said - This isn't, this isn't Fallujah.

Jess Dixon - Are you all set?

Shannon Phair - For now.

Jess Dixon - I would like to respond to that. As for a Town vote, I don't know how that happens and how they do it and putting it in a referendum...we actually tried to get it on the ballot for this election but the cutoff was September 22 so it didn't go on the ballot.

Someone said- That's ok, there's another election coming up.

Jess Dixon - And as for, in the first slide I said, I am not talking about the entire fire department. I am not talking about the department as an entity, I'm talking about the people who opened the door and talked to reporters and put things in the paper that were not true. And those were the people I was talking to. I respect this fire department more than anyone, like I said, they came right to my house and you think I don't. I love this fire department. but when you start telling me that I'm wrong about what I'm doing with the budget, with the Town, don't throw stones. You know, everybody's got to work within the budget. You know I'm not firm with this, I told people this, I asked for help. Nobody came to me. So, what I come up with is what I come up with. People gave me quotes, I can't call them liars.

Shannon Phair - So you're saying that we can build this whole library on 50 thousand dollars?

Jess Dixon - No, I said standing right here. I said a shell would be here ready by the parking lot ready to worked on in the inside.

Someone said - You guys gonna raise the rest of the money to finish it?

Shannon Phair - Who's doing that work? Our Town workers?

Jess Dixon - Either Town workers, volunteers, private contractors...

Shannon Phair - And we pay the town workers, correct? The taxpayers pay the Town?

Jess Dixon - Yup, and we don't have to worry.....

Shannon Phair - Then this should be up to a town vote then. You know what, it's the people vote right? It's not the fire departments vote, it's the peoples vote.

Jackie Madison - My name is Jackie Madison. One of the things I wanted to say is that you make it sound as if the library is sort of old, it's not just a library it's a community center. I realize that the idea of a books on shelves concept may be slowing going away and that's why we're talking about community center to bring in more things that people can do, more life skill things that people will need. We're not looking to be on a national level, trying to compete against other states with our jobs and our schooling, we're looking to compete on a global level. And it is moving very fast. If you are not able to compete on a global level, you are going to get lost in the traffic. And we're not here to fight with the fire department because you're a great department. Everybody needs a fire department in any town. However, we are talking about making the library ADA accessible was really talked about before I got here, when Edith Morelock was here and nothing was done. I was really surprised to learn that they had really put this down as their number one objective in 1981. That's 31 years ago. What happened in those 31 years? Why didn't they have a ramp built then?

Jack Dragoon - Because they refused it.

Jeff Menard - I can answer that question. And I got the paperwork right here to prove it. In 1990, Reginald Barcomb designed a plan to build a ramp for that building. The library board voted it down. Jack Dragoon, the supervisor and Rudy Miller was on board to build a ramp for that place. And I couldn't get the plans because Mr. O'Donnell couldn't find them. But it was

done but I can't tell you 100% what year it was. So that was two. And then in February of this year Dick Boulerice drew up another plan for a ramp, within the code, within the code and also drew up a nice platform or deck to go outside and sit when it's nice. So don't say that there was never nothing done. About five or six years ago they put \$15,000 into the roof. Last fall they put about \$1,000 into the septic system of that place. Don't say that nothing has ever been done to it.

Jackie Madison - The ADA was not done and yes Mr. Boulerice did draw up some plans in February. But drawing up plans and having it in construction is different than actually having it built. In March of this year those plans changed because of the new regulations that came out. So it was different, totally different.

Jeff Menard - Let me read you this. This is the minutes from the main meeting but I'm only going to read the library part. "Representing the Library were Librarian Jackie and Board Members Katie and Susan Evan. Katie said they have received a Grant of \$11,000.00 to help pay for a handicap ramp. The Town Board was told they need to have handicap accessibility to both floors of the Library or only one floor can be used. Katie said they could possibly receive an additional \$11,000.00 if they add on. There is a place in Vermont and Schenectady New York that do lifts. They will try to get some prices from these companies. Resident Harry Gonyo said in his opinion it is a waste of money to keep putting money into this building with limited land. He said they could build a new building for about \$50,000.00..." In the June meeting you guys surplused the old library as surplus equipment. One month you're ready to put the ramp in and the next month you surplus the equipment. And as long as I'm up talking, I want to address Mr. Dixon on this Labor Day issue where we raise monetary funds. When that building was built up there, the fireman built it. Everything inside where the kitchen is and the pump room. We bought a brand new pump truck, we bought a brand new van that is up at station two. The last two fire trucks that were bought, the firemen with Labor Day funds bought all the hoses it. The Town didn't have to buy them, residents didn't have to buy them. Don't say that Labor Day is just for monetary value, and I could go on and on and on a lot more. We just bought a brand new pump from the air base to put down in the new pump house, so we can get water out of the river to fill our trucks faster. I mean, don't bash the fire department. The only reason why we're against this is the way it all come about. The October 9th, meeting I sat here with Cory, I asked Cory what's going on with the library. He says nothing, we don't have a plan and we don't have a price. A week later you're digging. He didn't call me, you didn't call me, I'm the president, I think I represent the .... I said let me know what's going on. You went out there and starting digging for a septic system. Everybody started asking, "what are they doing back there? They're digging." Nobody told the fire department what you were doing. All we wanted to do was know what's going on. That's all we wanted to do. Seriously, and it hasn't happened.

Jess Dixon - And you're talking and you opened the door about budgets saying we do this so we don't have to ask the town for money. This is town minutes, you got a copy there or you can get them from the town clerk. You don't ask the town for money because of the Labor Day festivities. When in all the minutes you do ask for money. And I'm not saying you don't deserve it, I'm not saying you shouldn't get all the money they can possibly give you. I'm just saying, the quote that you made, bashing my project that I was tasked by the town to do, and tell me that I'm not staying within the budget just opened the door to me saying that you're not staying within yours.

Jeff Menard - We are staying within our budget. Also, the truth about how the town had to borrow out of our budget money. The fire department also bought five sets of gear for \$10,000 as well. So don't go saying that we don't do anything on Labor Day.

Jess Dixon - I did not say that, I said you do that to benefit monetarily.

A bunch of talking over each other.....

Katie Evans - If you are not using that land for the Labor Day event, then it's your land to use at any other time.

Jeff Menard - So Jess is saying that my letter to the Press Republican went in, how about the librarian Jackie sent a letter out to all these residents that said that this is not going to affect Labor Day. How many Labor Day meetings have you come to and helped pay for this Labor Day celebration? We start in January and every month we have a meeting and in August we have a meeting every week to plan Labor Day. You say it won't affect Labor Day, how do you know? You never planned it.

Jackie Madison - We're not open on Labor Day. That's not my book sale, that's the friends of the library book sale. Let's get this clear. I oversee the operations of the library. I do not do anything as far as fundraising.

Jeff Menard - Then what are you doing here?

Jackie Madison - What? Because I represent the library as the librarian. And I know the stats and the numbers on the operations of the library. Which the plans and the board would not know.

Jeff Menard - Why did you and Mr. Dixon go to Plattsburgh? Shouldn't one of the board members go instead of you? You do better to tend to your own job?

Jackie Madison - I am tending to my own job.

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Jackie Madison - I'm the librarian. It's my responsibility to be on top of information.

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Jeff Menard - I just want to make one more point before we go on. This building out here, did you see a car that's balled up over there? Well we used to do that right here where they're building the library. So it had to go over there where there is only ten foot when we had fifty foot over here to work with. Now we have to go over there and work with ten foot. So don't say it's not going to affect the fire department. It's going to affect us.

Jess Dixon - And we're not asking ....it's not going to shut down the Labor Day activities. I don't see how that can happen.

Jeff Menard - And I never said it was going to shut down Labor Day, I said we going to have to reassess Labor Day and whether we were going to do it at all.

Jess Dixon - When I talked to Miranda Orso over at the Press Republican, she said, before me, that someone told her that they were not going to do it anymore.

Jeff Menard - I told her that I wasn't going to, if the library goes up there, I am no longer going to be working on Labor Day. Because I spend half my summer planning the Labor Day celebration. And you guys aren't considerate enough to come to us and let us know what is going on. I'm not going to spend my...I'm gonna spend my time down at camp.

Jess Dixon - When I first took the job back in May. This is what it started with... everybody with the ...where's the library gonna go and they talked about here and that's when they said the fire department was upset that they were not included in the permanent decision and naturally I went over to Jack's office and he said, "I want to know what's going on?" And I agreed with him, I said you know if they felt that way that it happened that way that they weren't included or something like that because I don't remember the specifics at the time, I said then let's talk, let's figure something out and do something there so...I don't know where it got snowballed into something.

Jeff Menard - We did talk Jess and that's what I just said, on the nineteenth when you guys just started digging out there. You should have had enough consideration to call myself or Ray and say that we're getting ready to start digging for the...

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Katie Evans - It is the towns property...

Jeff Menard - I'm taking Katie... Katie

Katie Evans - I'm sorry.

talking over each other...

Jess Dixon - No one has ever come to see me in my office. Just come on down and see me.

talking over each other...

Cory Ross - There is too much talking over each other.

Jack Dragoon - I was the supervisor for thirty years. I've seen this complex here built, firehouse remodeled, Cannons Corners remodeled, Town Garage, three parks, I should have a little bit of knowledge of what's going on. I want to know how Mr. LaValley made a motion, Mr. Bushey seconded it, Ross, Barcomb voted yes, Mr. Robinson sustained to vote on a new library with no facts at that time in front of them, no process in place, impact on town, old library, which is assessed at \$52,500, and this is what you call a cart before the horse. I would say in eleven months time more bids, lots of meetings behind closed doors and in different houses, businesses and some of the time board members didn't even know what was going on. Sometimes I wonder who is supervisor, one member told me he was. I can't believe out town board tried to pull a fast one, like no building permits, I believe you have one now, no engineering plan, but I believe you probably have one now. I wanted to get true facts especially, special meetings, nothing was decided. Be four days, work started, some board members didn't even know...at the last meeting it was said that hadn't decided that anything was going on. At least Mr. Ross said that. Within four days there's a backhoe out here, they start digging and they're putting sand in. That's funny. Why wasn't it looked into when you voted on that why wasn't the addition added on to the front? Is there a reason? There is 45 foot frontage there. You could go from anyplace from 25 to 30 feet and you don't need an elevator, you go to ground level. You want to go up to the other part they have these lifts to go on. And this has never been looked at or studied. I'm just curious you know.

Jess Dixon - I personally went down there and inspected the entire building, did the measurements, checked with real property, got the actual boundary line and everything like that. The 1 : 12' slope pitch to the ramps to get up to that level of 4.4 feet to the doorway. That being said, to get there, ramps, you do have to cut them to be within the setbacks cause they'd have to start out by the road and you'd have to do a double "W" to get out there.

Jack Dragoon - That is not what I'm getting to. Build it at ground level. What's stopping you from putting 30' at ground level.

Jess Dixon - At ground level, when you walk inside the door, you're still not on the bottom floor. And you're still not at the top floor. Ground floor is....

Jack Dragoon - If you're building a thirty foot addition, what is stopping you from putting a lift there. You would just need to put stairs going up I presume.

Jess Dixon - You have to have ramps, you have to have lifts, it's very specific. I've investigated it and believe me, to not have this controversy, I'd like to throw the money into that building and fix it all up. It can't be done. And if you just come Tuesday morning sir, I can show you exactly why it can't be done. I am not going to sit here and spell out every little tiny detail, but...come down and see me Jack, I'll explain it to you one hundred percent.

Jack Dragoon - Cory, how much have you been offered for this other building assessed at \$52,500?

Cory Ross - We are going to go out to bid on it. We are going to put it out to bid.

Jack Dragoon - Who can but it but one person?

Cory Ross - Anybody who wants it. It's just going out to public bid. Why is one person the only one who can bid on it?

Jack Dragoon - Because the septic is on his they said.

Jess Dixon - Now for that building to stay there, the easement's on this deed. So the easement is there...

Someone - If you can deed the land, you can deed the easement.

Shirley Gadway - I agree with what she said, the reason this got all out of hand is because there were so many meetings behind closed doors. I wrote, I e-mailed the Association, I gave each one of the board members and Cory a response. And those are illegal meetings, the only thing you can do behind closed doors, you can have an executive session, which is for legality, if it has to do with a law enforcement officer, if it's litigation, all other meetings are to be held in public forum where the public can hear and can watch due process. Instead, you say one thing today, you want to meet, you go into your doors, you have little meetings, the next month it's a completely different thing. You come out with the answer, not how you got there. And all the people in the town of Mooers, it is their money you are spending so therefore there should be a referendum vote of all the people in the Town of Mooers.

Applause...

Jess Dixon - What Shirley is talking about is Public Officers Law Section 103b and there are specific reasons why you can't do a behind closed doors if it's an official meeting. Now, I've been in the office down here and a councilman will come in and talk to Cory and go in the office, you know, that's not an official meeting They haven't called everybody together, those have to be public, you're right, except Public Officers Law section 105. If two councilmen come down and talk to Cory, there's nothing saying that they can't come down and talk to him.

Shirley Gadway - But that's not what's happening...that is not what was happening! Why do you think I'm not sitting up there? Because I sensed at the beginning of 2012, I will not put up with any underhanded dealings and this is what is going on. And I want to be no part of it. And no matter what I say, you do not follow the law.

Cory Ross - I think the meetings you are referring to are when we got together to interview to hire new people. We had to hire new...

Shirley Gadway - Right!

Cory Ross - Dog Control Officer...

Shirley Gadway - You can go in there and talk about it but you're supposed to come out here at a board meeting, and do your vote, so the public can see. You have two people, Jess is one and the dog control officer is the other. It is not in your minutes. It went from Bob West to Jess Dixon...

Cory Ross - I seem to remember one night, Earl...

Shirley Gadway - That was two months after! Two months after the fact!

Cory Ross - You brought it to my attention Shirley, you sat right next to me here when you actually came to the meetings. You know, and if there was something I was doing wrong, it certainly wasn't intentional.

Shirley Gadway - I told you.

Cory Ross - There was no reason it couldn't have gone into the minutes at that time and then you just stopped coming, so...you're making all these meetings even though you don't work here anymore. You stopped coming towards the end of the time that you worked here.

talking over each other...

Shirley Gadway - I stopped coming when I started bowling. I asked Carol if she would take my minutes. She did one month. The second month she came, you took the notepad out of her hand and gave it to Earl Robinson. And then in the minutes, when they were transposed, you tried to say and Earl tried to say, that this stuff was not said. It was in Earl's own handwriting in the book that Rena has right now. It's in his handwriting. And you're saying it was not said.

Talking over each other...

Mike Willette - Can I make a comment about the library?

Cory Ross - Sure.

Mike Willette - Can everybody honestly answer, do you know how to read? Raise your hand. Show me your hands.

People - We all know how to read.

Mike Willette - How many people here know how to use a computer? It's the kids of tomorrow that can't afford to buy a ...

People talking over each other...

Mike Willette - Hey, you're not going to let me talk?! There's kids who cannot afford to buy a computer.

Kid - Hey, why do you shut up and let this guy talk.

People - Hey, who are you? Who are you?

Kid - I'm a member of this town. So be quiet and let people talk.

Mike Willette - There's people who can't afford to buy computers. Can you believe that?

People - Yes.

Mike Willette - There's seniors that would benefit going to a library and learning how to use a computer.

People - Where is the money going to come from? Who paying for it?

Mike Willette - If they can justify it for \$53,000.

Michelle Menard - Where is the money going to come from?

People talking over each other...

Mike Willette - My question is this? Are you going to deny those kids?

Michelle Menard - There is a Champlain library. We share EMS services, why can't we share a library?

Mike Willette - If they can't afford a computer how can they afford \$4 a gallon of gas to drive to Champlain?

Michelle Menard - People have drive to Champlain to get groceries, do you want me to build you a Wal-Mart?

Jess Dixon - Is there a Wal-Mart in Champlain?

Michelle Menard - We share EMS services.

Jess Dixon - Right, and that is understandable...

People talking over each other...

Lester Juhasz - Certain people won't allow it. We'll never have a Wal-Mart. You won't have a lot of things in Mooers because of why?

Talking over each other...

Lester Juhasz - I don't mean to disrespect anybody and I'm sorry. Listen, The fire department, I don't know much about it but you know what, the politics are sitting here and I'm sitting here listening to Shirley talk about how meeting go, and interpretations go, you know what...I've learned a lot in the last couple of years about *this* town. I tell you it's been going on twenty years or more. It didn't just start last week or last month. Ok, so I don't know what's going on with the library, I hear a lot of big fuss about it. I support it, you know what, and if we can sell that and we can put that on the tax roll and make some money back off of it, I think we should try it. If we can't move forward with it and they say it's zoning or, I don't know what zoning will allow now, what the setbacks are now, sorry, the setbacks for it. If they could put the ramps in or if they can expand it. What's the grant money you have so far? What's the grant that Mooers has so far?

Jess Dixon - \$16,000, that's grant money alone.

Michelle Menard - But it's for an elevator right?

Jess Dixon - No, it's for construction.

Jack Dragoon - You got senior housing, three churches, and you got this place if somebody wanted, you got that in there, you got seven places now if somebody wants to hold a meeting for something.

Jess Dixon - Right, they can rent the club room, make sure this isn't being used for court or some other purposes. It's not like you can come in here and sit down and have a business and have wi-fi and tela-conference and computer access so you can research anything. That is what I'm talking about for this community.

Jack Dragoon - It's only open one night a week, Thursday night.

Jess Dixon - Because... the computers in the offices, how many computers are here to do that with.

Jack Dragoon - You don't need to by computers for there, buy them for here then.

Jess Dixon - It's earmarked for specifically the community center/library, it's not Town.

Randy Rabideau - You got \$50,000.....

talking over each other...

Jack Dragoon - Instead of building another building that you got to heat...You got to heat this in the winter, you got to heat the firehouse...at least put a table or two here and try it for a couple of months and see if people are going to come and use it. You going to put money into a building and you don't even know how it's going to go.

people talking over each other...

Jess Dixon - I can't tell you how many people use it. But a community center in itself, if someone looks at our town website right now. You know if someone goes to Google to look up towns to go to hold a meeting, they're going to go to right past Mooers and head right to Ellenburg or some other town because we have nothing here.

Randy Rabideau - For \$50,000 we're not going to have nothing out there either. You won't have sheetrock on the walls...

Jess Dixon - Ok, that's your opinion. I have my quotes here.

Randy Rabideau - It's going to take another \$50,000 to finish it.

Jess Dixon - I got quotes, I did what I was asked by the Town and that's what people told me.

Randy Rabideau - You just said yourself that's a shell, that's not flooring, that's not molding, that's not anything. Does it have plumbing in it?

Jess Dixon - It has plumbing, the toilets, like I said on the slide will be added later. These are proposed things. It's not like we're putting in a ...

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Young lady in the back said - Have you guys even had a survey to see how many people are going to use a community center? I grew up with people that cooked and taught me things, and I still learn today from going to college and even in high school they teach you how to use a computer, to do research, to do job searches... why do you need it here? When you go to high school you learn it.

Katie Evans - But some people didn't go to high school.

Talking over each other...

Jess Dixon - There are people in this town that would like to talk to their grandkids before they go to Florida. They want to learn how to do those things. There are underprivileged people in this town, I mean you might not believe it but it does exist.

Leon Menard - Give that \$50,000 to help them then.

Someone asked - What is the timeline at when this has to be done? Are they saying that in order to continue using the library we have to be handicapped accessible? Or is it to?

Jess Dixon - We are really not supposed to be using the building right now. All the grandfathering and waiting periods are done.

Jeff Menard - I would like the board to put in a motion to put it to a vote to settle this thing.

Mr. Ladue - I remember....everybody is saying that the fireman didn't pay for this land...you know as well as I know that we paid for this land. I remember when Dick Favreau was chief of the fire department...well anyways I remember my name and everybody's name on a piece of paper saying that we owned this land. We paid for it. Did something happen to the paper.

Someone said that it had to be turned over or else the firemen would be liable if something were to happen.

Shannon Phair - What are the hours for this library that will be accessible to the kids who don't have computers. What are the hours?

Jackie Madison - Currently the hours for the library are Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10-7, Thursdays 2-5 and on Saturdays 9-1.

Shannon Phair - So I am just going to use my own son as an example. He goes to school all day, gets done around 3:30 and he plays sports, so when would he be able to use a computer at your facility.

Jackie Madison - The library as it currently is, he wouldn't. But the community center would be available when I was closed.

Shannon Phair - That is what I want to know, the community center, the one you want to put up, how is that supposed to meet the needs of kids.

Jackie Madison - It will be available as long as the town knows that you need it and you sign up saying that you will be in need of it. The main component is that it will be available when I am not there. Twenty five hours is not a lot of time.

Shannon Phair - So someone can call you and say I really need to use a computer or wi-fi, you would come all the way up from Plattsburgh to open up the community center?

Jackie Madison - There will be a key here. I will not come up...

Shannon Phair - So there is going to be a key here?

Jackie Madison - The town owns the building. It is not owned by the library board.

Jess Dixon - There will be a schedule posted. Obviously it's not done because we're still arguing about building it to begin with.

Shannon Phair - Ok so I still would like to know about the accessibility.

Jess Dixon - As much as possible.

Shannon Phair - So anyone can walk right in and use something. I hope there are no laptops.

Katie Evans - Don't you think there is going to be some kind of supervision. I mean honestly? What about the fresh bar thing? Did we vote on that and sit around with five hundred people and...

talking over each other...

Jess Dixon - When I am saying something in rebuttal to what the fire department did, I am bashing the fire department. I am not bashing the fire department. Ya don't open the door and say get permits, stay within budget, people are going to turn around and ask the fire department the same exact thing.

Michelle Menard - But that's not a public building. You are putting a public building up for people to use. You need to have all your ducks in a row.

Jess Dixon - And I do, and I do and it's all here, come in my office and see.

Michelle Menard - But we have a perfectly good library in Champlain, we share EMS.

Jess Dixon - That's not our town.

A lot of discussion on the library...

Jess Dixon - It's like people throwing things out there at a town board meeting that, oh there's going to be people on the streets and suffering in this town. If you take that attitude then there will be suffering in this town. Unless you think ahead and make things happen. Things have not happened in this town. That's a start to making something good for everybody. And I'm sorry it got off on the wrong foot, about people not being included, I was not privy to that ok. All I know is a community center and anything that had to do with infrastructure of this town, I'm for it. And I won't stop because someone says, Oh I don't like where it's at or this and that. If someone wanted to be involved with where it's at then somebody should have come over and said something. Everybody wants to talk to the papers. They want to get their comment out there. They want to say things out there or out here. Talk to the people involved. I've been in that office and not one person has come down to talk to me about anything for the library, even though I had everything.

Randy Rabideau - Well, we're here now. Let's put it to a vote.

More discussion on the library...

Katie Evans - Can I just say one thing about the community center? The whole idea of having all kinds of classes. Jackie has a grant for having the elderly have painting classes. I can't have anybody sign up yet, because we haven't gotten through in the sense of agreeing on anything.

Someone - Are we going to have to pay somebody to keep it open?

Katie Evans - No. I volunteer. 98% of the library is volunteers. If there needs to be a class or if people are going to sign up for something, I'll volunteer my time. I'll be there to make sure that no one takes off with a laptop.

People - Who's gonna do it if you're not around? Yeah, it'll be locked then. You're the only volunteer now...

Jess Dixon - I'm a volunteer. I'll talk to the seniors. Senior's will volunteer. Again, all we have is a pile of sand out there right now so we can't ask for volunteers for anything.

Roger Favreau - So all of this is coming out now. We begged a few meetings ago for a drawing and all that stuff. Nope, never got it. We begged you for prices. Nope, we never got it. Tonight you all of the sudden put it out for us. And then Jack brought something up that at the meeting the other night that you guys voted on to approve the building. And that was not true because Gerald LaValley said at the meeting that it was going forward, not to be ok'd. That is what you said at the meeting.

Gerald LaValley - We got to start someplace and do something or we aren't going to do anything. So I moved to start.

Roger Favreau - You voted to proceed on the building? Go forward, give you prices and get all that stuff. You even corrected the minutes of the meeting before, that's what you did, correct? Now, when did you approve the building to get started? Gerald, when did you approve the building to get started? You don't know, huh? Gene, when did you approve the building to get started?

Jess Dixon - It's in the minutes. We'd be happy to get them for you.

Roger Favreau - Do you know? I want you to tell me truthfully. When did you approve the building to get started.

Earl Robinson - I never approved the building to get started locally. However, at the last meeting I wasn't here so I can't defend.

Roger Favreau - Thank you. I understand what you said. Now, the building got started. You started digging and nobody approved it, except maybe Cory. I didn't ask him the question.

Jess Dixon - Again, let's go back to the minutes.

Roger Favreau - You can go back to the minutes, because he argued that he did not say it was approved, he said that it was to move forward, to look for prices and things of that nature.

Jess Dixon - It doesn't say that in the minutes.

Roger Favreau - That's what he said.

Talking over each other...

Cory Ross - In that meeting when we were doing that we took a vote to move forward with the project.

Roger Favreau - I did say that the librarian went on TV and said that it was moving forward and they were going to start digging. And you said, nope I never heard of that.

Cory Ross - I didn't say that to you. I don't even know what you're talking about. I'm not lying.

Someone - What do you have against the library?

Roger Favreau - I don't have nothing against the library. I don't want it where it is. I don't think a library is for this town. A community center is the same thing. You cannot tell us who is going to use it.

Jess Dixon - I'm not telling you who is going to use it.

Roger Favreau - You can't tell us who is going to use it. Did you do a survey on who would use it?

Jess Dixon - Can you tell us right now if you're going to win the Christmas light competition this year? You just can't know every aspect of everything.

Discussion on the library...

Jess Dixon - Hindsight is 20/20. Why didn't you say that at the very beginning?

Roger Favreau - We tried to but you wouldn't listen. Earl didn't I give you those things for using this as a community center?

Jess Dixon - And we also talked about building another courtroom because of that. Everybody remembers what they want to remember anyway.

Jack Dragoon - You only remember what you want to remember. You are exactly right.

Lady - How much money did you say it was going to cost to build the library?

Jess Dixon - Ok, it was up on the slide. Put up the shell except for the floor, the two toilets and the supplies. Whatever Jackie needs as far as computer related, is \$53,000.

Lady - So you got \$53,000, you're expecting to get \$20,000 for the old library, when is that going to happen? When do you think you're going to sell that building for \$20,000? I don't know about you but when I drive around all you see is for sale signs. So for the \$20,000 you're expecting to be able to use toward that \$53,000 correct. So if you don't sell the building in say, 2 or 3 years, where is that \$20,000 going to come from? Me, you , you...

Jess Dixon - Jackie is going to look for grants.

more library discussion....

Woman from the Clinton-Essex-Franklin County Library System - I'm not a town resident. I represent the Clinton- Essex- Franklin county library system. And I just wanted to address the grant question because even though the state has cut back on a lot of things, one thing that is still available is grant money for library construction all around the state. That grant money is there and libraries in our area do not fully take advantage of it. So this money can be available year after year. This project could continue to get money. Similar to what they got this time they could get it again. It is actually one of the things that New York hasn't cut.

Cory Ross - Actually I'm going to close the discussion from the library at this point because we need to move forward. Let's take a break. I don't know if everyone is staying or not, you are more than welcome to.

Jess Dixon - Just one more thing, if anybody does have any questions, I know emotions are high right now and stuff like that, If you have any questions with regard to the zoning or the library, Tuesday morning 9-11 and Thursday evenings 5-7. I'm in my office. You can ask anybody, I'm here to help people with their building permits. I'm here to help people build something in the town and if you want information just come down and see me. We'll have a coffee. I ask for input. I wanted to get up here and give this presentation and I want to move forward with it and if there is some way we can, there is no time machine, we can't go back in time. If anybody wants to come talk to me at the fire department and if there is a way to make this right where we can do something without the controversy, let me know. Seriously, it's all under code, it's all there. I mean that's all I got.

Adjourn at 8:25 for break in meeting.

Called back to order at 8:50.

**Library** - Earl Robinson made a motion to form a committee with Jeff Menard, Shannon Phair, Scarlett Sample, Irving Breyette, and others to discuss the library and come back with a plan for the January town meeting and put it to a vote at that time. Councilman Eugene Bushey seconded the Motion. Thus, Supervisor Cory Ross called for a Roll Call vote which yielded these results:

Councilman Earl Robinson-----AYE  
 Councilman Steve Barcomb-----AYE  
 Councilman Eugene Bushey-----AYE  
 Councilman Gerald LaValley-----NAY  
 Supervisor Cory Ross-----NAY

**Budget:** Supervisor Cory Ross explained a couple of changes were made to the Proposed Budget. First he expressed a need to adjust the budget by \$13,000 because of the price hike in health insurance for the highway department. There was also 14k handled twice in the budget. This left us with a short fall in the general fund. We took a little from everywhere to make up the difference. It came from all kinds of categories like office assistant, we don't have one. Some of the supplies, a little from the building repair fund. I based it on whether we spend money in that area or not and we hadn't. It's not like we are going to have to go without, we're not. All these changes were like \$500 here and \$1000 there. Playground equipment... we took a couple grand out of there. There are a bunch of things that made up the \$13,163. Everything is basically staying the same as far as the bottom line, we just had to make it work out. The \$14,000 transferred from the highway to the general fund and it cannot happen that way. It has to stay in the highway so that takes care of the insurance. So that left us with out \$14,000 in the general fund so we had to make up for it somewhere. After all the discussion was done Councilman Gerald LaValley made a motion the following resolution be adopted

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT THE AMENDED PROPOSED BUDGET BE ADOPTED AS THE BUDGET FOR 2013**

Councilman Eugene Bushey seconded the motion and the result of a Roll Call was 5 AYES (Supervisor Cory Ross, Councilman Earl Robinson, Councilman Steve Barcomb, Councilman Eugene Bushey and Councilman Gerald LaValley) and 0 NOES. Thus, Supervisor Cory Ross declared **Resolution #33-2012** is adopted.

**Union Contract - Safety Shoes:** It is the time of year for Highway Department to go to IBC and get a pair of safety shoes for under \$200 and give us back the receipt by the first of the year. We sent a fax to IBC letting them know.

**Workers' Compensation:** We received the New York State Public Entities Safety Group quarterly NYS Insurance Fund Workers' Compensation run loss for the period of July 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012 (as applicable), valued as of October 4, 2012. There were no claims made in this quarter.

**NYS DOT:** The New York State Department of Transportation would like us to sign up for direct deposit to receive CHIPS payments electronically. After some discussion on the need for Direct Deposit, Councilman Steve Barcomb made a motion that resolution **#34-2012** be adopted:

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN OF MOOERS WILL SIGN UP FOR DIRECT DEPOSIT WITH NYSDOT FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING CHIPS FUNDS FOR THE HIGHWAY FUND.**

Councilman Earl Robinson seconded the motion and the result of a Roll Call was 5 AYES (Supervisor Cory Ross, Councilman Earl Robinson, Councilman Steve Barcomb, Councilman Eugene Bushey and Councilman Gerald LaValley) and 0 NOES.

**Dog Control Officer:** Dog Control Officer was absent due to family emergency.

**Vouchers:** The Audited Vouchers to be paid off the Abstracted Vouchers on November 13, 2012 are as follows:

General - Townwide------(Vouchers 250 - 273 )-----\$ 16,210.24  
 Highway - Townwide------(Voucher 172 - 196 )----- 95,899.85

Mooers Fire Protection-----	(Voucher 700 - 714 )-----	12,388.12
Mooers Forks Lights-----	(Voucher 266)-----	390.61
Mooers Lights-----	(Voucher 266)-----	<u>672.44</u>
<b>Total of Abstracted Vouchers Paid-----</b>		<b>\$ 125,561.26</b>

**Address the board:**

Mike Willette - 8 Acres of once tillable land is saturated because of a beaver dam on the other side of the road. I'd like to get it back before it's too late. I like to see the road fixed. It's not on my land but it is affecting my land. On the Ore Rd. I just want to know if the Town will go up and take a look. I just want to make it farmland again. My land is on the north side of the Ore Road. I've been very patient, I just want to know if you're going to do something.

Cory Ross - I am not familiar with it myself but we'll talk to Dickie and have him take a look and have him get back to you on it.

Jeff Menard - I just wanted to say something and I didn't want to go over it with everybody here. I assume everybody already knows about it. You guys probably do too. There was a Zoning meeting last night, I came in and sat in on it. Mr. Dixon tried to throw me out. Said it was a private meeting and that he had called a private meeting. He said I wasn't allowed to stay. All meetings are open to the public. He said no it's not, it's a private meeting. He said if you don't leave I'm going to call the sheriff. I said I'm not leaving, it's an open meeting and I'm allowed to be here. He went in and called the sheriff. I went and got a copy of the zoning law. It states in there all zoning meetings are to be open to the public. Trooper came and I showed him the law. Mr. Dixon wasn't happy. And there is two things, Mr. Dixon doesn't have the right to call a meeting, the zoning board calls the meetings and it's supposed to be posted. It wasn't posted. And you guys are responsible for him. Do what you want with it, I just thought you should be informed.

Gerald LaValley - I was here for that. It wasn't called a meeting. We just got together to discuss some things.

Jeff Menard - Take it for what you want but if you meet Gene in a store and start talking about Town business, it's considered a meeting, you're in violation of the open meeting law. And you're going to get into trouble. Just to let you know.

Discussion of Open Meeting Law.

Raymond Phair - Curious as to why the Fire Department budget went down this year from like \$160ish last year to \$140ish this year. Why did it go down \$20,000? From 2010 there has always been a steady increase and then now it drops off.

Cory Ross - Rudy can you help explain this.

Rudy Miller - There was a little extra put into the Fire Department budget when the last truck was purchased. The purchase of that truck brought the reserve down to a few thousand dollars which is not a lot of money so money has been put back into that reserve. The reserve is now built back up, therefore no extra funds are needed for it.

Mike Willette - Don't throw me out for saying this. I brought this up in front of Rudy years ago. It's a good revenue maker and it's done in other towns. It's opening up town roads to side by sides and four wheelers. If you want to explore it it's up to you. I can bring in a bunch of research material from those two areas that have it. Motels, hotels, restaurants all benefit from it. Not the side of the road but on the road itself.

Rudy Miller - I would just like to say that I'm on the other side of that table now so I can agree with him.

Discussion on Four wheelers riding on roads and laws on it.

Cory Ross - Table it until next month and get your information together.

Talking over each other...

Adjourn: After Supervisor Cory Ross asked if there were any more new or old business Councilman Earl Robinson made a motion the meeting be adjourned. Councilman Eugene Bushey seconded the motion and the result of a Roll Call was 5 AYES (Supervisor Cory Ross, Councilman Earl Robinson, Councilman Steve Barcomb, Councilman Eugene Bushey and Councilman LaValley) and 0 NOES. Thus, Supervisor Cory Ross declared motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:21PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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RENA M BOSLEY, TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR