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MORRISTOWN

SELECTBOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 20, 2005

Members Present: Steve Bousquet, Brian Kellogg, Todd Yando, David Yacovone

Members Absent: Shaun Bryer

Department Heads: David Crawford, TA; Police Chief Richard Keith; Mark Leonard, Zoning Administrator; Charlie McArthur, Lister; Chief Reeve, Fire Chief; Carol Bradley, Finance Director.

Guests: Barb Adams, Mary West, David Sanborn, Sondra Sanborn, Lee Sturtevant, Gloria Wing, Joie Marshall, Dennis Fournier, Joyce Lanpher, Pat Miller.

Acting Chair Steve Bousquet called the meeting to order at 3:44 PM at Hilary's Restaurant.

AGENDA CHANGES & ADDITIONS

WOODWAY DRIVE AUTHORIZATION: David Crawford update the Board on the status of Woodway Drive and that $3,000 has been placed in escrow by property owner Ben Black.

Motion by Todd Yando, seconded by Brian Kellogg to accept Woodway Drive and authorize Town Administrator, David Crawford to sign agreement. Motion passed unanimously.

LETTER TO PLANNING COMMISSION: David Yacovone stated he would like Board to consider minor modifications of letter. Consensus of Board to add a sentence to draft letter and send to Planning Commission as amended.

WATER ISSUE AT TOWN GARAGE: Discussion was held over the well being drilled at the Town garage. Dave informed the Board that Nick Manosh called and stated he was ready to proceed with the drilling of the well. Discussion was also held over a letter received from Dr. Bailey and Mr. Hill regarding their feelings on the issue and the cost.

Motion by Todd Yando, seconded by Brian Kellogg to drill well and negotiate cost (fees) at a later time. Motion passed unanimously.

2006/07 BUDGET – GENERAL GOVERNMENT: Board reviewed General Government requests for 2006/07. Board went through each Department to evaluate for further discussion.

> *Listers:* Charlie McArthur explained salary and benefits as well as other costs included in the budget.
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> *Zoning Administrator:* Mark Leonard reviewed the Zoning budget. Board did not have any questions.

Centennial Library: JB McKinley & Barb Adams presented the Library's budget request. Discussion was held over the change in the Insurance costs. It was also noted that effective July 1, 2006, Town of Morristown will take over the accounting functions for the Library.

Grants: General discussion held over grants. What is available, who shall apply.

Police Department: Chief Keith discussed the purchase of Tazers. Also discussed hiring of a new employee in order to help the over time go down. It was also brought to the attention of the Board that as of January 1, 2006 the contract with the State will have expired and the Department will be working on a month to month basis until a new contract is negotiated and signed.

Fire Department: Chief Reeve and Deputy Chief discussed the inclusion of a stipend for the Chiefs due to extra workload. It was also discussed possibly increasing the stipend of the Secretary. Chief Reeve reviewed areas of increase and decrease within the budget.

Chief Reeve discussed fireworks and noted that last years cost was supplemented by $1500 from various community groups. Chief Reeve informed the Board they will need to consider adjusting the budget figures to reflect the absence of those funds in the coming years.

David Yacovone left the meeting at 4:57 PM.

Morristown Rescue Squad: Pat Miller and Joyce Lanpher reviewed increase or changes in the MRS budget. Discussion was held over the part-time day employee.

Pleasant View Cemetery: Joie Marshall, Gloria Wing and Lee Sturtevant reviewed the Cemetery budget with the Board. It was noted this is the first actual budget drawn up by the Association.

Morristown Cemetery Association: Sondra Sanborn and Dennis Fournier detailed the Pleasant View Cemetery budget request.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Todd Yando the Board adjourned their meeting at 6:02 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted and filed this 27th day of December 2005.

Lisa Laughlin; *Administrative Assistant*

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Minutes Approved Date