

TOWN OF MORRISTOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES

NOVEMBER 26, 2001

Members Present: Brian Greenia, James Paige, Donald Anderson, Lee Sturtevant and Mark Struhsacker

Department Heads: Paul D. McGinley, Carol Bradley, Richard Keith, Wally Reeve and Bill Moulton

Guests: Heidi Krantz, John Sullivan, Paul Nesky, Julia Compagna and children, Donna Merriam and JB McKinley

Chair, Brian Greenia called the meeting to order at 6:00PM in the Municipal Conference Room.

GUESTS

John Sullivan gave a brief review of how and why the MDF originated back in 1987. He compared the differences in lending today to what it was at the conception of the loan fund. With the availability of loans and low interest rates offered by banks today, the MDF does not receive many applications.

The Downtown Economic Restructuring Committee is looking to establish a Pilot Program to determine which buildings in the Downtown area are under utilized and what purpose they would be best used for. Possible choices suggested were office space, retail and or residential apartments. John presented the Board with a map of the Village of Morrisville with potential buildings highlighted.

They have requested a grant in the amount of \$10,000 - \$12,000 from the MDF to start the Pilot Program. The funds would be used to hire an Engineer to look at the prospective buildings and report on which ones have the best potential.

Paul Nesky, a MDF Director was one of the original MDF Board members and participated in the design of the bylaws. He stated that at the origin of this fund, MDF would receive recommendations from area banks for people who did not qualify for a bank loan, but would be a prospective applicant for a MDF loan. Banks are more willing to loan today and no longer call with referrals.

Brian Greenia asked Mr. Nesky if the majority of MDF Directors are in support of this grant. He replied that the majority of them are in support of this project. Brian asked Paul McGinley to check on the legalities involved with the State of Vermont.

John Sullivan informed the Board of a county wide \$40,000 Economic Planning Grant that he would be asking the Town of Morristown to sponsor as the lead town, sometime after the first of the year.

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STP SIDEWALK (4) S MAPS:

Paul McGinley informed the Selectboard that the STP Sidewalk Project maps have been received and are available for review in the Town Clerk and Zoning Offices. Brian suggested issuing a news release to inform the public.

BUDGET PROJECTIONS:

Paul presented the Board with budget projections for 2001 – 2002. The Board decided to call a special meeting on Monday, December 3, 2001 at 6:00 PM to review budget issues only.

SPEED LIMIT SIGNAGE:

Roger Thompson of VTrans will have a traffic inspector contact Chief Keith on the proper posting of signage to allow the enforcement of the speed limits in the Village and other areas. Paul suggested that Bill Moulton also be involved, as his crew will complete the installation of signs.

OTHER BUSINESS

COMMUNITY COORDINATOR:

Heidi Krantz reported a good turnout with 40 attending the Pie Social. The proposed "Logo" was a topic of discussion. John Sargent will be reporting to the Board shortly with examples. Heidi requested an updated letter of support from the Board to accompany the VSJF grant application. She will also be looking for input for a Block Grant application that is due by February 5, 2002.

VT ROUTE 100 TRAFFIC STUDY:

VTrans will conduct a traffic engineering study along Route 100 near the Bishop Marshall Catholic School as a result of the Town's request to extend the 35 MPH speed limit for that area. The state will notify the Town of Morristown 2-3 weeks prior to the meeting when this issue will be discussed.

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the responsibilities of PVCA. The transition happened at Town Meeting and a copy of the minutes will be provided.

Carol explained the **Recreation** and **Service Agencies** requests for appropriations. **Revenues** were reviewed. There are several reserve funds established for reappraisal, zoning fees etc. and how reserve funds are presented was discussed.

On a motion by Lee Sturtevant, seconded by Jim Paige, the Board adjourned at 9:38 PM.

Barbara Cochran, Scribe
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Brian Greenia, Chair
Minutes Not Approved