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**TOWN OF MORRISTOWN
SELECTBOARD
MINUTES**

DATE: November 16, 1998

PRESENT: Brian R. Greenia, Chair, Lee Sturtevant, Phil Locke, Kenneth E. Grimes, Maria Ward.

DEPARTMENT HEADS PRESENT: William Moulton, Richard Keith, Wayne Camley, David Godfrey

OTHERS PRESENT: Darrow Mansfield, Barb Farr, Amy Noyes, Tom Bjerke, John Sullivan, Jack Peduzzi, Louis Ferris, Kelly Rogers, Scott Corse

The Board opened the meeting of the Selectboard in the Municipal Office Conference room at 6:30 p.m.

GUESTS: Darrow Mansfield discussed the Ben Franklin building as being the first choice for the Post Office location, and the parking situation in the Municipal parking lot. Along with the one story addition being removed, the parking lot would have to be re-stripped. Darrow stated that re-stripping could increase the parking spaces from 92 - 118. The entrance to the parking lot could be narrowed for the one way entrance. There could also be a better sidewalk system to the building. The parking lot would have to be accessible to trucks for delivery and pick up. Mr. Sullivan stated that there would be about two trucks per day. There is not a signed contract for the building as of yet, however both parties feel it is very likely. Mr. Sullivan stated that the Post Office has to function well for employees, customers, and the community. It is the intention of the Postal Service to restore the building to its appearance when it was first constructed. Brian Greenia stated that the parking lot should be completely re-paved. This will be discussed further between the Town, Post Office, and the developer. Barb Farr stated that Amy Jones has old pictures of the Ben Franklin building which could be helpful when restoring the building. Barb also stated that the Copley Trust could be approached regarding the paving of the parking lot. Bill Moulton stated that there are presently 73 parking spaces in that lot not 92. He feels the proposed plan for the parking lot would be very difficult to maintain. Bill would like to know where the snow will be removed, and who will maintain it. These questions remain unanswered and will have to be resolved. Kelly Rogers stated that the retailers are concerned with the present parking, and the proposed improvements may be helpful. Jack Peduzzi stated that LHP is still interested in developing the upper level of the building. There are currently 13 units which would be reduced to 8 units. Discussion will continue at the 12/14/98 Selectboard meeting. The Selectboard will have recommendations in writing by 12/01/98. The parking issue will be discussed with the Copley Trust 11/30/98.

AA REPORT: Lee made the motion seconded by Phil to allow Daniel Williams to sell Christmas trees in the Ames parking lot from December 1 - December 24, 1998. Passed. Lee made the motion seconded by Ken to approve Holiday gift certificates for employees as done in the past. Passed.

MINUTES: Lee made the motion seconded by Ken to approve the minutes of the 11/12/98 meeting as presented. Passed.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

HIGHWAY: The donated Christmas tree to replace the large tree which was cut down for the skating rink has been planted, also the Maple tree has been transplanted. The trees at the Guthman property have been cut thanks to the help of the Water & Light Department. The road to the Morristown Corners Cemetery has been graveled. The culvert at Garfield Road will be paved on Friday. Phil Cote began his employment with the Town today. Bill has met with Ken Schram regarding the road on Lincoln Street. Bill suggested that Mr. Schram meet with the board regarding the issue. Bill submitted three sealed bids for the work to be done at the Town garage.

LAMARE CONSTRUCTION: \$8980.00 VINYL

C. NICHOLS \$9329.53 VINYL
 \$13,205.80 WOOD (plus extra for Ins. etc.)

KEVIN BRADLEY \$10460.96 STEEL
 \$9992.60 VINYL
 \$13864.76 CEDAR

Bill will review the bids and submit a recommendation to the board at the next meeting. Ken made the motion seconded by Phil to authorize Bill to purchase 6 chainsaws from Leo's Small Engines for a total of \$1970.00. 4 chainsaws are to be traded in. Passed.

FIRE: The budget for the Fire Department will be ready for the 11/23 meeting. A fire truck has been recalled for a problem with the passenger seat. The aerial paperwork has been sent in and certification should be received soon. Another member is being trained to work with Duane Brown. Brian suggests that the paperwork be done at the station.

POLICE: The Police Department has received approximately 150 calls and 1 detox transport. Donna has returned to work and recovered from her illness. The Bookmate system is now in place and working. The system is 2000 compatible. Larry