



## SELECTBOARD MINUTES

OCTOBER 28, 2002

Members Present: Brian Greenia, James Paige, Mark Struhsacker and Shaun Bryer

Department Heads: Paul D. McGinley, TA; Chief Richard Keith

Guests: Mike Stafford, Howard Morse, Andy Jensvold, Peter Bourne, Scott Corse, Linda Osgood, Jim Pease, Richard Hill, Richard Sargent, Charlie Miller, Amy Noyes and Oneal Demars

Chair Brian Greenia called the meeting to order at 6:17 PM at the Morrisville Water & Light Facility following the Alexander Hamilton Copley Trust meeting.

### **JOINT VILLAGE TRUSTEES AND SELECTBOARD HEARING**

#### **2003 ENHANCEMENT GRANT APPLICATIONS – OXBOW TRAIL**

Mike Stafford reviewed with the Selectboard and Village Trustees the trails map and plans for expansion of the Oxbow trails system to the school property. The Village was asked to sponsor as lead applicant for the project. Copies of the grant application were available for review. Mike explained the required 20% match could be in the form of materials (gravel), equipment, labor and maintenance.

Trustee Jensvold questioned line item #10 under Ownership as to who would own and maintain the trail system. It was discussed this should be changed to the Town of Morristown versus the Village of Morrisville and the Fields and Parks crew would be maintaining the trail. Oneal Demars arrived at 6:30 PM.

The Village Trustees stated they would consider the application at their regular meeting. The Trustees left for their meeting at this time.

#### **2003 ENHANCEMENT GRANT APPLICATION – WILKINS RAVINE/STORMWATER**

Jim Pease distributed copies of the grant application and reviewed with the Board the area being considered for this stormwater project. He explained that the stormwater detention basin would be on the Murphy property located directly behind Banknorth in the Ames Plaza. Mr. Murphy has agreed to grant a perpetual easement to the town for the stormwater control structure. This easement will be included as part of the in-kind match as well as the drainage improvement work and bank stabilization near the stone box culvert that Vermont Precision Woodworking has



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agreed to do. Other in-kind services to be done by the town include the upgrading of the drainage pipe dimension on lower Brooklyn Street and the installation of a 36" culvert on upper Brooklyn Street.

It was stated that Lamoureux & Dickinson, Consulting Engineering Service for the Morristown STP Walk (4) S Brooklyn Street sidewalk project would need to know by March 2003 if funding is granted for the *Wilkins Ravine/Route 100 Stormwater Mitigation Project*, as it would impact the Brooklyn Street project as well. If funded, monies would be available July 1, 2003.

Mr. Pease informed the Board that he has discussed the project and any affects it may have on the Alternate Truck Route project with the State and they are all in agreement.

It was noted that the email address was incorrect on the application. Mr. Pease will correct and forward a copy to the Administration Office for the Town Administrator's signature. The Selectboard commended Mr. Pease for his efforts on this project.

*On a motion by James Paige, seconded by Mark Struhsacker, the Selectboard unanimously voted to apply for the Wilkins Ravine/Route 100 Stormwater Mitigation Project grant.*

Mr. Pease left the meeting at this time.

## OLD BUSINESS

### LVRC LEASE AGREEMENT:

Charlie Miller presented the Selectboard with corrected copies of the lease agreement for the State owned LVRC property. The Town's Attorney, Richard Sargent had reviewed the lease and had submitted his comments to the Board prior to the meeting.

Discussion included the Town of Morristown having first option on the property not included in the lease agreement. Mr. Miller will check to see if when the railroad issues are finalized if that property can be included as well. He stated that the Griswold lease is up for renewal. He will draft a letter regarding the options on the additional parcels of property.

Further discussion included revenues that may be generated from leasing the property and how they are to be distributed and how the attorney's comments on the lease were the same issues the Board had.

*On a motion by James Paige, seconded by Shaun Bryer, the Selectboard unanimously voted to enter into a lease agreement with the State of Vermont on the LVRC property.*



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The Selectboard informed Mr. Miller that their intent was to *tie up* all of the LVRC property, including that which is held by the State and the parcel leased to Griswold. Mr. Miller informed the Board that the State is willing to work with the Town on any issues that may arise. When questioned on the issue of government use, Mr. Miller stated that it was worded in that fashion in order to get it into the town's hands. He said the terms of the lease could be re-negotiated. The lease was signed, witnessed and notarized with copies of the signature page distributed to all parties. Mr. Miller left at this time.

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***On a motion by Shaun Bryer, seconded by James Paige, the Selectboard unanimously approved the minutes of October 15, 2002 as presented.***

## NEW BUSINESS

### FAMILY HOUSING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM OF CVCAC, INC.

Sandy Neely, Morristown's Service Officer and employee of CVCAC provided information regarding a TSA grant they are applying for to the USDA and requested the Selectboard issue a letter of support. The Family Housing Partnership Program of CVCAC works with both renters and homeowners who are facing potential homelessness through either eviction or foreclosure.

Sandy's letter documented the success this program has had since April 1997 not only showing how many families qualified, but also a steady rise in success and gains made over the years. There are no other services of this kind in Lamoille County at this time.

***On a motion by Mark Struhsacker, seconded by James Paige, the Selectboard voted unanimously in favor of sending a letter of support for the Family Housing Partnership Program of CVCAC, Inc.***

## MCC BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION:

Peggy Struhsacker submitted her resignation to the Morristown Conservation Commission Board with a copy to the Selectboard. She stated she was willing to work to preserve the natural world, but felt with her work schedule, surgery and her husband serving on the Selectboard it was time to resign from the Board.

***On a motion by James Paige, seconded by Shaun Bryer, the Selectboard regretfully accepted Peggy Struhsacker's resignation from the MCC Board.***



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### E.T.W.A. WRESTLING:

Wayne Jones Jr. sent a letter to the Selectboard requesting permission to bring E.T.W.A. Wrestling to Morrisville. Chairman Greenia informed everyone that the Selectboard had not supported previous requests of this nature.

*Brian Greenia made a motion that the Selectboard endorse and support bringing E.T.W.A. to town. James Paige seconded the motion with an amendment, which states the Selectboard will allow but does not support bringing E.T.W.A. to town. A vote was called on the amendment. All votes were favorable with the exception of Brian Greenia who opposed. A vote was then called on the amended motion. Members Struhsacker, Paige and Bryer were in favor, Chair Greenia opposed, the amended motion passed.*

### WARRANTS

*On a motion by James Paige, seconded by Shaun Bryer, the Selectboard approved the warrants as listed on the memorandum dated 10/28/02. (Attached)*

### TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

#### COLE PROPERTY:

The Administrator informed the Board he had several other issues to discuss with them that were received after his weekly report was done. Richard Sargent informed him that the Cole property, which the town currently has a health order on, was being considered for purchase. The party interested in buying the property asked if the Board of Health would extend the length of time to bring the property into compliance. The Board requested a letter expressing the interested party's intentions and proposed time frame requested they then would meet as the Board of Health for consideration of the request. Amy Noyes left at this time.

#### AGENT TO CONVEY REAL ESTATE:

Donald Anderson is the Agent to Convey Real Estate for the Town of Morristown and due to illness, is presently unable to perform this duty. There are Quitclaim Deeds that require the agent's signature for recording.

*On a motion by Shaun Bryer, seconded by James Paige, the Selectboard appointed Brian Greenia to serve as the Agent to Convey Real Estate in Don's absence. So passed.*



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An error was discovered on the signature page of the document, and will be returned to the attorney's office for correction before signing.

### H. A. MANOSH SEWERLINE UPGRADE:

Scott Corse of MW&L contacted the Administrator regarding traffic control for the village sewer line reconstruction on Route 100 by H. A. Manosh. This project is being done as part of the agreement between Manosh Corp and the Village for the Jersey Way Development. The work to be completed is near the pump station and will cause the road to be closed for approximately three days. The Administrator instructed Mr. Corse to talk to the Police Chief for traffic control.

### MAPLE STREET PROJECT:

Mr. Corse informed the Administrator they were working on cost estimates for Maple Street and they have rescinded any thoughts of underground utilities at this time. MW&L will refigure their cost estimates and get back to the Selectboard. Mr. Greenia commented that he hoped they wouldn't be too long, as it is budget time.

### GREEN UP DAY COORDINATOR:

The Administration Office received a notice from the State of Vermont stating that Michele Swift has agreed to serve as coordinator for the 2003 Green Up Day event.

***On a motion by James Paige, seconded by Mark Struhsacker, the Selectboard appointed Michele Swift to serve as the 2003 Green Up Day coordinator.***

### STATE BRIDGE REPORT:

The Administrator in a memo to the Board explained the details of the State Bridge Report. Several projects were discussed for possible consideration.

***On a motion by Mark Struhsacker, seconded by Shaun Bryer, the Selectboard acknowledged receipt of the State Bridge Report and signed the necessary documentation.***

### WATER ISSUES AT THE TOWN GARAGE:

The Town received a request to reimburse 50% of an invoice paid by Mr. Terry Bailey of Cochran Road. Over a weekend, a toilet at the Town Garage was running through causing Mr. Bailey's water pump to burn out in the reservoir that feeds his house.



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***On a motion by James Paige, seconded by Mark Struhsacker, the Selectboard authorized the Town to reimburse 50% of the \$914.19 invoice from H. A. Manosh Corp. to Mr. Bailey.***

## OTHER BUSINESS

### MORRISTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENT RECOMMENDATION:

Chief Keith recommended the Selectboard appoint Michael D. Giaquinto as a provisional part-time officer. The Chief gave the Selectboard Mr. Giaquinto's resume and said the next training session for part-time officers starts next week.

***On a motion by Brian Greenia, seconded by James Paige, the Selectboard approved the recommendation to hire Michael D. Giaquinto as a part-time provisional officer at the rate of \$9.00 per hour.***

Chief Keith will submit an appointment letter to the Administration Office.

### SELECTBOARD VACANCY:

After discussing with Mrs. Anderson, Brian Greenia advised the Selectboard advertise for someone to fill the Selectboard position currently left vacant by Mr. Anderson's absence until the end of his term. The Administration Office will advertise the position immediately so the Board can take action at their November 12, 2002 meeting.

### BUDGET BOOKS;

The Selectboard discussed the Green Budget Books that were prepared for last year. They agreed this book was helpful and have continued to use it throughout the year. Color for this year's book was discussed. They felt it would be good to make each year a different color.

### SIGNAGE AT THE OXBOW:

Currently there are signs posted at the entrance to the walking trails. It was discussed that there should be a sign at the entrance to the park itself, possibly located before the Community Garden. Maintenance issues were also discussed.



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### 2002 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR BANQUET:

Town Clerk Mary Ann Wilson has been chosen as one of Scouting's 2002 Citizens of the Year. There will be a banquet on November 9<sup>th</sup> at Smugglers Notch and Board members interested in attending should notify the Administration Office ASAP. Brian Greenia and Shaun Bryer both expressed interest in attending.

### KEN FREER LETTER:

Mention of the letter received from Ken Freer was made with the TA stating the Chief was handling the situation. The Board asked a note be sent to Mr. Freer acknowledging receipt of the letter and action.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

*On a motion by Shaun Bryer, seconded by James Paige, the Selectboard moved into Executive Session at 8:49 PM on a personnel matter with the Administrator and Administrative Assistant in attendance.*

*On a motion by Mark Struhsacker, seconded by Shaun Bryer, the Selectboard moved out of Executive Session at 9:00 PM.*

### ADJOURN

*On a motion by James Paige, seconded by Shaun Bryer, the Selectboard adjourned their meeting at 9:01 PM.*

Respectfully Submitted  
Barbara Cochran, Scribe  
Minutes Filed October 31, 2002

Minutes to be presented for approval at the next Selectboard meeting.

  
Minutes Approved

  
Date

# Memorandum

**To:** Selectboard

**From:** Carol L. Bradley, Bookkeeper

**Date:** 10/28/02

**Re:** Warrants presented for Board Meeting on October 28, 2002

## **General Fund:**

Warrant #01-72- PR Related Invoices from pay period 10/19/02 \$ 4,599.65

Warrant #01-73- AP Unpaid Invoices due 10/29/02 \$244,200.84

Payroll Warrant for pay period ending 10/19/02 -Pd 10/23/02 \$ 30,342.92

## **Other Funds:**

Warrant # 02-01 - Morristown Development Fund - Transfer \$ 12,000.00

# TOWN OF MORRISTOWN SELECT BOARD

PLEASE SIGN IN

PRINT NAME

PRINT ADDRESS

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| GLORIA WING     | PO Box 641        |
| JOANNE HARRISON | 44 E. CHERRY AV   |
| Dawn Andrews    | 1836 Elmore Rd    |
| JOHN RUBINO     | 4808 RANDOLPH RD. |
| Ed DeBar        | 579 Elmore ST.    |
| Mary West       | 16 E. Cherry      |
| Ruth Preany     | 20 Wabun Ave.     |
| J.B. MCKINLEY   | Elmore            |
| Amy Noyes       | New Citizen       |
| Mike Stafford   | Trails            |
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