

**TOWN OF MORRISTOWN
SELECTBOARD
MINUTES**

DATE: October 5, 1998

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Scott Corse, Duane Brown, Jack Peduzzi, William Alexander, Duane Brown, Amy Noyes, Peter Guthman, Mary Ann Wilson

The Chair opened the meeting of the Board of Selectmen at 6:30 p.m.

GUESTS: Jack Peduzzi from the Lamoille Housing Partnership, along with William Alexander, discussed low income and elderly housing possibilities in Morristown. One project could be the land currently owned by Beatrice Williams which adjoins the Morristown Elementary School. This project could allow for some of the land to be used by the school. Another project could be the renovation of the upper level of the Ben Franklin store if the Post Office is to locate there. Also the former Red Reynolds house on Main St., the Drowne house, or Dennis Provoncha's building on Bridge Street. Lee made the motion to approve the letter of intent for the project, seconded by Phil. Discussion; When would more information be available? At the Public Hearing. Passed. KG-abstain, SL-opposed.

Peter Guthman was in attendance to discuss the 2 trees on his property on Park Street which are in the Town's right of way to the cemetery. After discussion, it was decided that the town will draw up a more specific right of way. The right of way will be maintained as in the past by the property owner. The Highway Dept. with the help of the Water & Light dept. will remove the trees. (Not including the stumps).

Duane Brown clarified the 8/18 bill from Jody Berry for computer work. Duane also discussed the funds for the dry hydrants. Duane submitted a report regarding the dry hydrants that have been installed. It was decided that Lee will draft a letter from the Selectboard supporting the dry hydrant project. Lee stated that Duane's work and dedication to the dry hydrant program is a credit to our town. Bill Moulton has assisted Duane and has been very helpful.

AA REPORT: The fuel bids have expired and will go out to bid. Could the Dept. of corrections do a green up project? No, we would have to have a line item in the budget to continue with this as it does become costly. Maria will check with FEMA regarding the policy of payment for selling price vs. listed value. The recreation committee has asked for suggestions for the ice skating rink. The triangle at Mander's seems to be the best possibility. Brian made the motion to authorize Carol Bradley to set up individual accounts with the Copeland Co. at the employees request. Seconded by Ken. Passed.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

HIGHWAY: The Village has been putting up sand. The sidewalk area in front of Art's Barber Shop has been repaired. There are some repairs to be done on Congress Street next. The parking lots have been patched this week. The Village will begin picking up leaves the week of October 19. The Town has been putting sand up and will order salt soon. The fittings will be poured on the Garfield road soon. Frank Huard has completed his testing at the spine clinic, there are no results as of yet. Trees have been planted in the right of way on the Stagecoach Rd. Bill does not know if these trees will survive the Winter, and there may be some potential problems in the future. Bill will be on vacation from 10/6 - 10/15. Bill and Ken discussed the complaint from Mrs. Merrow in Hick's Development. Her complaint is that water from the road is running into her septic tank. Bill had the culvert lowered that is across from her driveway which takes care of the problem as there is no longer road water entering her tank. Her lawn still has wet spots and she feels more should be done. Ken stated that this has been a wet year which may be why she has a wet area. Ken and Bill agree that the Highway Dept. has taken care of the town portion of the problem.

FIRE: The Fire Department will hold the fire protection classes for the local schools and churches. Lee asked Wayne how old tanker 2 is. It is a 1962. There is a bill for an air leak and to winterize the truck.

POLICE: The Police Dept. has received approximately 175 calls with 1 detox transport. The firearms training with the Stowe Police Dept went very well. The traffic survey for the Vanesse Rd. will be completed at a later date. Richard has applied for and been awarded a Cops More grant. Richard also applied for a Block grant which is determined by the towns crime statistics. We could be awarded \$12,100.00, which is considerably more than in the past. Lee made the motion seconded by Ken to authorize Richard to purchase a Kodak DC 210 camera for not more than \$900.00. Discussion; Is this in the budget? Yes. Why should this camera be purchased? This camera is more cost efficient and effective. Passed.

HEALTH: Mary Ann has set a tentative date of 10/19 for Tom Woods to do the septic tank for Sam Jewett if the approval is received from the Four Square Church.

AMBULANCE: Steve asked how the revised protocol procedure for dispatching is working. It seems that old habits die