TOWN OF MORRISTOWN
SELECTBOARD
MINUTES

DATE: September 21, 1998
PRESENT: Brian R. Greenia, Chair, Steven G. Leach, Phil Locke, Kenneth E. Grimes, Maria Ward.
DEPARTMENT HEADS PRESENT: William Moulton, Richard Keith, Wayne Camley
OTHERS PRESENT: James Rust, Alan Thorndike, Robert & Dorothy Moran, Ken Sweetser, Pat McCullock, George Robson, Tom Bjerke, Don Anderson, Amy Kolb-Noyes, David Godfrey, Ray Belanger, Gary Nolan, Mary Ann Wilson.

The Chair opened the **Warned Public Hearing** regarding the zoning & subdivision bylaw for the village & Town of Morristown at 6:00 p.m.
Ken Sweetser reviewed the proposed changes to the bylaws. Steve Leach commented about the placing of fences and the difference of temporary vs. permanent fencing and the impact of permanent fences in the right of way. Brian Greenia commented about the Municipal parking and the lack there of. Some thought could be given to parking regarding the zoning criteria. Pat McCullock stated that enforcing the 2 hour parking would improve the situation. Mr. &Mrs. Moran stated that they would like their property zoned commercially. Alan Thorndike expressed concerns on behalf of his clients regarding the issue of private air strips. Some of the concerns were safety, noise, degregation of character, property value, etc. Mr. Thorndike feels that an airplane should not have the same access as any other vehicle, the airstrip should be of sufficient length, limitations should be placed on guests, and that 50' from a property line is too short. Mr. Thorndike is concerned that there is not enough protection for property owners and urges the Board to defer action on this section of the bylaws.
The Board received a letter from Albert Besser stating his concerns regarding the zoning bylaws section 496. George Robson stated that the Planning Commission will be revisiting certain issues in the bylaws in November.
Brian Greenia made the motion to accept the proposed changes to the zoning & subdivision bylaws as presented for approval, seconded by Lee Sturtevant. Discussion; Brian stated that Morrisville needed regulations regarding air strips and this is a start. Steve stated that he does not want Morrisville to be the first town in the state to regulate private air strips. Tom Bjerke asked if the Board could approve the bylaws with the exception of the airstrips. There seems to be conflicting information on this. The motion to accept the proposed changes to the bylaws passed, Steve voted against. The Public Hearing concluded.

The Board opened the meeting of the Selectboard at 6:34 p.m.

GUESTS: Don Anderson was present to discuss E-911 and the maintenance of the system. All work for the system has been completed and on time. Don stated that he feels the system should be maintained from the Zoning Administrator as that office is aware of all new construction. Ken Sweetser discussed the need for the two upstairs computer to be linked to the system to streamline all address changes. Ken will look into what would be necessary for this to take place. Brian thanked Don for his time and commitment to the project.

Ken Sweetser reviewed the ethics policy with the board. The policy has been reviewed and is okay according to VLCT. Lee made the motion seconded by Phil to accept the ethics policy as drafted. Discussion; If a member of a Board is abstaining from a vote should that person leave the room during the discussion and vote. Yes, if they have a DIRECT involvement of the result. Passed.
Ken discussed the Enhancement Grants and the letter of intent that he has sent regarding the sidewalk on Brooklyn Street and the sidewalk on Route 100. Steve is offended that the Planning commission is asking Ken to apply for grants, as the decision to do so should come from the Selectboard. The Selectboard will wait to hear from the State before proceeding further. Ken Grimes abstained from the discussion.
Lee made the motion to apply through the State for a Planning Grant of up to $7500.00, seconded by Ken. Passed. Steve opposed.
The Board asked Ken not to pursue the Watershed Grants.
Lee made the motion seconded by Phil to add the name of the Road Superintendent to the Stormwater Ordinance when applicable. Passed.
Ken discussed the Design Charrette for the Village. The Selectboard feels the Village Trustees should decide this.
Ken will be pursuing the issue at the Sutton property on Bridge Street.
Ken advised the Board that the Development Review Board will have to hire an engineer regarding the North Country Animal League application. This is the first time in two and a half years. Brian made the motion to authorize the DRB to hire an engineer for the mentioned project, seconded by Lee. Discussion; Where does the money come from. The town. Passed.
ken also stated that there have been several power surges which are damaging to his computer system. He is currently without a computer for about a week. Ken will check with Scott Corse to find out if the surges are internal or not.

At 7:30 p.m. the Chairman opened the bids for the **Garfield Road project.**

The meeting of the Board of Selectboard is now recessed. Lee made the motion seconded by Brian to enter the meeting of the **Board of Health** at 8:53 p.m. Passed. Brian made the motion to have David and the State declare the house belonging to Steven Mayer not be occupied until a septic system is in compliance. The motion was seconded by Lee. Discussion; will David continue to monitor the situation. Yes. Passed. Ken abstained from voting.
Lee made the motion seconded by Phil adjourn the meeting of the board of Health at 8:55 p.m. Passed.

The meeting of the Selectboard is now re-opened.

The proposed changes for the personnel policies for the town of Morristown were discussed. The discussion will continue on October 5, 1998.

Lee made the motion seconded by Ken to adjourn the meeting of the Selectboard at 10:04 pm. Passed.

Maria Ward, Scribe
Minutes filed 09/22/98

Brian Greenia, Chair
Minutes not approved