

**TOWN OF MORRISTOWN
SELECTBOARD
MINUTES**

DATE: September 14, 1998

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

DEPARTMENT HEADS PRESENT: William Moulton,

OTHERS PRESENT: Wallace Reeve, Richard Gaun, Jack Peduzzi, Amy Kolb-Noyes, Scott Corse, Roy Marble, Ken Sweetser, Marje Miller, Dotty Cooke, Tom Germain, Ken & Sally Gilman, Louis Ferris, John Sullivan, Ray Tomlinson Jr., Ruth Mansur, Mr & Mrs. George Gruner, Ed Manning, Ray McRorie, Darrow Mansfield.

The Chair opened the meeting of the Selectboard at 6:30 pm..

GUESTS: Wallace Reeve and Richard Gaun submitted the contract for the Fire truck with the revised changes to the Selectboard. Mr. Reeve discussed options for buying the chassis and it is his recommendation to purchase the chassis C.O.D. Lee made the motion seconded by Phil to sign the contract from Conway Associates for the purchase of the truck for \$159,022.00 . Passed.

Jack Peduzzi from Lamoille Housing Partnership discussed various properties that LHP is considering purchasing in Morristown. Mr. Peduzzi would like to appear at a future meeting when he would have a presentation ready. The Board will see Mr. Peduzzi October 5 at 6:30 pm.

Gloria Wing discussed the erosion problem at the Pleasant View Cemetery with the Board. Gloria would like to get top soil from the Duhamel pit, however Ken Sweetser stated that zoning regulations would prohibit that. Bill Moulton stated that he could get unscreened top soil for \$12.00 per yard. About 500 yards would be needed. Gloria emphasized that the erosion problem has to be corrected before winter. Gloria said that she has spoken with members of the Association regarding the situation. Gloria will know by September 21 if she will have the funding available to complete the project. Bill Moulton was asked if the Highway Dept. would truck the top soil, Bill thought that would be possible.

Tom Germain discussed the traffic on the Vanasse Road. He is concerned with the excessive speeds on such a short road especially since there are many children on that road. The Board will ask Chief Keith for a traffic survey of that road to see if a posted speed limit would be necessary.

Marje Miller and Dotty Cooke discussed the scheduling for the Rescue Dept. Currently the scheduling isn't working very well as a crew chief has to be on call at all times, which is difficult since almost everyone on the Dept. has jobs. Volunteerism is low right now, and it may be necessary to hire a full time crew chief. The Board asked about other alternatives which could be pursued. The Board is to be kept informed of the situation, and alternatives and solution will be considered.

Ken Sweetser was on the agenda to discuss the Municipal parking lot in the Ben Franklin's area and the need for more spaces if the Post Office is re-located in the Village. 30 additional spaces could be gained if the parking lot was re-stripped. The Selectboard expressed their endorsement of the Post Office location remaining in the downtown. Gloria Wing stated that the parking lot belongs to the town, not the Copley Trust. **John Sullivan** from the USPS stated that the possible locations have not been prioritized as of yet. Mr. Sullivan would like a Public Hearing to hear the opinions of all interested parties. This meeting will probably take place the second week in October. **Roy Marble** asked if the Board has seen site plans. No they have not. **Ken Gilman** asked Mr. Sullivan for equal consideration for the Pleasant Street properties. **Sally Gilman** stated her concern regarding the Municipal parking lot and the lack of spaces. **Darrow Mansfield** suggested that the presentations be presented to the Selectboard before the Public Hearing. The Selectboard disagrees. Brian Greenia asked Mr. Sullivan how many possibilities there are for the Post Office location. There are currently 12. Maria will schedule a Public Hearing during the second week in October.

Ruth Mansur discussed the culvert near her home on Houle Ave. Her property has been flooded many times and she would like to prevent this from happening again. Bill Moulton described the path of the water in relation to the culvert and her home. It seems that the culvert is on Mr. Doe's property and not in the Town right of way, therefore is not the liability of the town. Brian suggested the Ms. Mansur speak with her neighbor to see if they could come up with a solution.

Mr. & Mrs. Gruner, Ed Manning, & Ray McRorie were in attendance to discuss having a tent revival at the Oxbow property during the week of July 16. This event will be sponsored by local churches. There will be on site facilities and power. Since the lower field is prone to flooding, the upper field is the best possibility, however that field is used for soccer. The Board has agreed to the request, however Mr. Gruner will have to contact Claude Marcoux regarding the soccer schedule,