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SELECTBOARD MINUTES SEPTEMBER 3, 2002

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

Department Heads: Paul D. McGinley, TA; Richard Keith, MPD Chief; Wally Reeve, MFD Chief

Guests: Dot Cook, MRS President; Sandra Utton, MRS; Amy Noyes, News & Citizen; MFD Representatives Jeff Limoge, Brad Wilson and Brian Kellogg; Mike Stafford, Trails; James Pease, ANR; John Sullivan, LEDC

Chair Brian Greenia called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Morrisville Water & Light Facility.

GUESTS

Dot Cook and Sandi Utton of the Morristown Rescue Service (MRS) were present to request the Board's permission to seek the help of a consultant to enable them to receive the necessary information pertaining to forming a Regional Rescue Service in order to determine what was best and foremost in Morristown's interest.

Although MRS felt that Mr. Griswold has put a lot of time and effort into this regionalized plan, they were surprised to learn that neither Cambridge Rescue nor Hyde Park Fast Squad had been contacted or were they aware of the five-town group that was researching the possibility of organizing one.

Discussion included estimated startup costs to establish a regional service with two dispatch locations, which would require: another building; at least four ambulances, two for emergencies and two for transfers; more volunteers as well as more full-time employees; supplies etc. MRS feel that transfers are a very important part of what should be looked at with all of the nursing homes as well as Copley Hospital, who depend on ambulances for transfers. What would happen to MRS if this regional service developed? Would MRS lose many of their volunteers?

Further discussion included whether all towns should hire a consultant jointly, or Morristown alone and the legalities of municipalities joining forces and who would provide insurance coverage. The Town Administrator stated that he had contacted VLCT regarding insurance coverage, but had not received a response yet. The Town's attorney had been questioned on possible repercussions from Copley's Will requirements, and he felt there would not be any.

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MFD TRUCK COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES:

Brian Kellogg, Brad Wilson and Jeff Limoge presented the Selectboard with information on the pumper fire truck, which Morristown Fire Department (MFD) wishes to put out to bid. Originally, a reel truck was being considered, but further investigation proved that this was not a good choice, as it would require too much manpower to operate and maintain. The current backup pumper truck is continuously in need of service and not dependable. The vehicle that is being considered would carry up to six firefighters and would be a backup pumper for the department's attack pumper. This truck would carry all of the necessary equipment and could be a stand-alone unit. The unit would have air packs, a foam system, ladders, a better AC unit and extra heat system, a better light system and automatic chains to name a few. It would have the capability of providing coverage for Morristown if our attack pumper was out on another call, whether for Morristown or mutual aid. MFD has narrowed down their search for bids for a custom vehicle to three companies, all with 75 to 150 years of experience. The pumper as it is currently speced is in the range of $245,000+ according to Mr. Wilson and they would like to have bids in by October 1st.

The Board asked (for planning purposes) what other trucks might need to be considered for replacement in the next few years. Mr. Limoge stated that they could be looking at a ladder truck and a tanker with estimated costs of $30,000 - $50,000 for a used tanker and $125,000 - $250,000 for a used ladder truck, depending on the age of the vehicles.

Wally Reeve and Mike Stafford arrived at 6:50 PM.

Discussion included the number of calls per year as well as how often there were multiple calls, which included vehicle accidents, price increases, the 9/11 situation in New York City and their need for equipment, the need for a municipal mechanic, NFPA standards and requirements, the Alternate Truck Route and *how or if* it will affect the number of calls and whether to try and sharpen their pencils and purchase two vehicles, a tanker and a pumper at this time.

The Board asked to be kept informed and expressed their wishes to be a part of the bid process and requested the Fire Department work with the Town Administrator on drafting the letter to be sent to potential bidders. They did not think October 1st was a "doable" date for receiving bids.

Chief Reeve informed the Board of a fuel tanker accident that transpired today and stated that the town needed to write a set of specs for equipment and labor rates that could be used to back charge for such hazardous spills.

it is their number one priority. He presented a map of the area and explained their plans in detail. One area of concern was a washout near the rail corridor that would need to be repaired.

The Selectboard members were in favor of this project, as it would open up and connect the school to the fields at the Oxbow.

On a motion by Mark Struhsacker, seconded by Shaun Bryer, the Selectboard moved to submit a letter of intent to apply for 2003 Enhancement Grand funds to extend the Morristown Trails System from the Oxbow property to the School grounds and authorized the Town Administrator, Paul D. McGinley to sign on behalf of the Town of Morristown.

Mike Stafford left at 7:59 PM.

OLD BUSINESS

MORRISTOWN DEVELOPMENT FUND ISSUES:

John Sullivan, Administrator for the MDF funds presented the Selectboard with an information packet consisting of the application for funds and a sheet depicting loan purposes, limits, rates and terms including fees and changes and the eligibility requirements for a bit of historical background for the newer Board members.

Discussion included changes in banking procedures and interest rates since the funds conception; various loans that have been granted; small business improvement loans, how and who determines what the priorities are in such loans; historic projects; special challenges in the Downtown area; and funding for projects outside of the Village area. The Town Administrator stated that typically projects are "unfundable" projects. Mr. Sullivan replied that he hoped that this ongoing grant process may shed some light on development. He thought maybe we should apply for a CDBG grant for an economic development need. John left at 8:20 PM.

SIDEWALK AT MELBEN'S:

The Town Administrator was asked by a Board member to revisit this issue. He reiterated by saying that Selectboard members should direct any concerns or complaints of this nature to the Administration Office. The Administrator and the Village Highway Foreman, Mike Day reviewed the site and the pavers have sunk since Mike raised them to meet the ramp when the restaurant was opened. Since then, the pavers and the ramp to the restaurant have both moved. Mr. Day made a recommendation on how to make the

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

The Selectboard remarked on how much they liked the *General information* section of the written TA report.

The State of Vermont will hold a final on site inspection on September 12th at 9:00 AM for the Morristown AC BRF 029-1(11) bridge project.
Other issues discussed included delays in paving projects due to scheduling, personnel, lining of the parking lot at the Union Bank and the condition of Congress Street.

GENERAL OPEN DISCUSSION

The Village's Maple Street project was briefly discussed. Shaun Bryer stated that he had talked with Village Trustee Sonny Demars and was informed that the project was planned for next year at this time.

The Light fixtures on the bridge were touched upon and discussion included who authorized the installation and who is ultimately responsible for power use.

Donald Anderson requested that the Fields and Parks Crew clean out the weeds around the light poles in the municipal parking lot. The Administrator will look into.

ADJOURN

On a motion by James Paige, seconded by Mark Struhsacker, the Selectboard adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Barbara Cochran, Scribe
Minutes filed September 6, 2002

Minutes to be presented for approval at the September 16th Selectboard meeting.

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Minutes Approved Date

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Mike Stafford	Trails