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# MORRISTOWN

SELECTBOARD MEETING AUGUST 30, 2004

Members Present: Brian Greenia, James Paige, Cathy Voyer, Shaun Bryer and Brian Kellogg

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

Guests: Sue Kremelberg, Shap Smith, Sandra Sanborn, Carl Davis, Buckwheat Lowe, Carl Roof, Kevin Lane, J. B. McKinley, Amy Noyes, Molly O'Sullivan, Bill Moulton, Shirley Mason, Scott Corse, Tina Tomlinson, Steve Rae, Carol Maloney and Scott West

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

**GUESTS**

HEIDI KRANTZ & STEVE RAE

Heidi & Steve gave an overview of the *Recreational Survey* that was compiled in July of this year. Out of the 1000 surveys randomly distributed, 261 were returned. There were twelve questions on the survey some of which were: the age group in household, activities and facilities of most interest, obstacles to participation, whether the town should increase its support and the best way to fund recreational activities. Brian Kellogg arrived at this time.

Steve Rae pointed out that of the activities of most interested, there were no competitive sports listed. The highest at 80% was walking and hiking with gardening coming in at 54% and reading a close third at 53%. For the recreational facilities of most interest the Library was first with 57% and hiking trails second at 51%. Questions #6 asked to rank the primary recreational activities (you could choose three) and walking/hiking was first at 125, indoor swimming was second with 57 and reading was third with 36. Highest of the obstacles was lack of time with cost being the second.

The question of "should the town increase its support for recreation" resulted in 63% voting yes with 24% at no and 13% no answer. The seven areas people were most interested in seeing increased town support are listed in the following order: (1) paved bike/ped paths; (2) indoor pool; (3) teen center; (4) concert/music hall; (5) bowling alley; (6) hiking trails and (7) library. The best way listed to fund recreation was a combination of bonds and fundraising at 57%.

The Recreation Committee hopes to have a final report available by Thanksgiving.

There are three levels of grants for this municipal based program. They consist of an exploratory or planning grant in the amount of $5,000; an implementation grant for mid size programs in the range of $15,000 - $30,000 and a $50,000 grant for implementation of a Community Justice Center. These grants are not start up grants, they are renewable and require 25% match or in-kind service.

Discussion included the difference between this program and the Court Diversion or Reparative Probation programs and why they were not combined together as one. Mr. Roof stated that this program would be in between the Court Diversion and Reparative or Probation programs.

Carol Mahoney, Reparative Board Co-Director said that her program was very interested and supportive of this program. When Jim Paige asked if the programs could be combined in the future, Ms. Maloney stated that it would make sense down the road.

Chair Greenia stated that he felt there would be participation from other towns and shouldn't it be run through the County programs so that groups were not competing for the same pot of money. At this time, Mr. Roof stated that they were seeking initial grant funds for a study to see if this is what the Town wants or not.

A steering committee will come back to the Selectboard with a plan if they are interested.

**OLD BUSINESS**

MINUTES

***On a motion by James Paige, seconded by Shaun Bryer, the Board approved the minutes of August 16th as presented.***

COPLEY HOUSE NOTE

In a letter dated August 18th Carol Collins of LHP Inc. asked the Board to consider converting the $435,000 Copley House Note to a grant. Lucy LeRiche had discussed the possibility of this when she was with LHP. When Cathy Voyer asked if the repayment was to be used for other loans, Brian Greenia stated that it was never intended for that purpose. The Board requested a copy of all documentation concerning this note for review as Brian Greenia was the only one that was a Board member at that time. The Town Administrator said he would get the information from Carol Bradley.

LIBRARY BOND REQUEST

Chair Greenia began the discussion by referring to Mark Leonard's August 26th memo regarding Town Offices Committee as this is all a factor of this request. The maximum number of people chosen to serve as Town Hall Committee members was nine. The Board felt it important to have the committee comprised of Morristown residents.

Member Bryer stated that he felt that one bond proposal was better than two even if there were two separate facilities. J. B. McKinley, Trustee of the Library felt the reason that the vote failed was because it was a joint project. Scott West also felt that the opposition was not with the Library, but with the Town Hall project. Member Kellogg said that fifty percent of the people who have talked to him about the joint project were under the

***A vote was call on the amended motion to approve the private name of Mountain View Meadows Rd as a first choice with an alternate name of Prairie House Road if the first was denied. The motion passed unanimously.***

CABLE IN TOWN RIGHT OF WAYS

Two Right of Way Permit applications were received from White Mountain Cable LLC, a sub-contractor for Adelphia. One request was for underground installation of cable on both sides of Magoon Road and one was for the South side of Goeltz Road.

Bill Moulton, former Highway Superintendent, suggested putting this cable on poles. He noted past problems with grading of roads when lines were not buried deep enough in the right of ways. He also stated that in one location, there was ledge and the proper depth could not be obtained.

The advantages of being underground included not being subject to the weather and not having to pay the Electric Company for putting on their poles. In the case of Magoon Road, there are no utility poles present. Electric and telephone lines were installed under ground before the road was taken over by the Town.

Scott Corse, Manager for Morrisville Water & Light questioned what is the Town's ROW for? He continued that the ROW was obviously for transportation and for communication purposes. A suggestion was made that the underground lines be placed on private lands as it was to benefit the land owners or on poles. Brian Greenia felt if they were buried, they were out of sight. Other members felt they should go on poles.

***Brian Greenia moved to allow Adelphia's contractor to dig in the Town's ROW, seconded by Shaun Bryer. A vote was called with Brian Greenia and Shaun Bryer voting in the affirmative and Cathy Voyer, Brian Kellogg and James Paige voting no.***

Scott Corse left at this time.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

MPC VACANCY

In a letter dated August 23, 2004, Andrew Volansky expressed his interest in serving on the Morristown Planning Commission. The Board acknowledged receipt of his letter and will be discussing it with the Planning Commission.

SELECTBOARD

Cathy Voyer reminded the other Board members that she would be absent on job related business from the next regular meeting on the 13th of September.

TA SEARCH UPDATE

Shaun Bryer gave an update on the search for a new Town Administrator. The committee will be having a meeting this Thursday. They have received eight applications thus far. Shaun stated that the majority of them were from out of state.

## ADJOURN

***On a motion by James Paige, seconded by Brian Kellogg, the Board adjourned at 8:40 PM.***

Respectfully submitted and filed this 1st day of September 2004.

*Barbara Cochran*, Administrative Coordinator

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Minutes approved Date

# SELECTBOARD MEETING

August 30, 2004

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