# TOWN OF MORRISTOWN
# SELECTBOARD MINUTES

**DATE:** August 23, 1999
**PRESENT:** Brian R. Greenia, Chair; Steven G. Leach, Lee Sturtevant, Donald Anderson, Lynn Miller
**ABSENT:** Phil Locke
**DEPARTMENT HEADS:** Wayne Camley, Richard Keith, Bill Moulton
**OTHERS:**

**GUESTS:** Louis Ferris (met in the parking lot at 6:00pm). Lynn will draft a letter of understanding to be signed by the selectboard and Louis concerning areas of responsibility of work performed.

**A A REPORT:** Maria contacted Jim Bradley from Accessible lifts & elevators for information. This company will come here for an evaluation and price quote at no charge if interested. Lynn will contact Jim for evaluation—if any work is to be done it will not be until after the fiscal year so it can be in next years budget. There will be a Legislature Day Luncheon at the County Courthouse on August 24, 1999 at 11:00am. The Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management will hold a Board of Supervisors Meeting on August 24, 1999 at 7:00pm. VLCT will hold their 13th Anniversary 1999 Annual Meeting, Town Fair & Field Day September 30 – October 1 for any town officials who would like to attend.

**MINUTES:** Lee made the motion seconded by Don to approve the minutes of the 8/09/99 meeting. Passed. The minutes from 8/09/99 should also state that Mrs. Cote brought in codes.
**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**
**HIGHWAY:** The confined space program was discussed. It was stated there will need to be a supervisor appointed to oversee the program if approved. Lee made the motion seconded by Don to approve the program with Bill Moulton being assigned to be such officer. Passed. Bill stated the sidewalk at the Methodist Church is complete. The crew will grade Lincoln Street starting August 24, 1999 and will do some repair to sidewalks near Denoi's and Melben's. The crew will also be painting parking spaces by the Advent Church and school, painting crosswalks and mowing roadsides. The Bridge is coming along good with the completion date looking towards mid-September. Don requested Bill to order covers for the barrels at the cemetery.
**FIRE:** Wayne stated it has been very busy the last 2 weeks and is getting stressful. Out of the 27-28 people on board most times only about 6 people are able to respond. The dept. then has to rely on Hyde Park and other towns (who are having the same problem) to assist with calls. Wayne has read the accident report concerning the recent accident with the fire truck but hasn't had a chance to follow up with the driver or officers so he hasn't yet formed an opinion about the accident. Don is handling the insurance claim with Carol Bradley's assistance and the adjuster will be here on August 24, 1999.
**POLICE:** The Police Dept. has been relatively quiet receiving only about 180 calls including 1 detox transport. This is less than normal. This week all full-time officers will be attending the VLCT drivers training (2 on Tuesday- 3 on Thursday-1 on Friday). The SHARP program will be starting again soon. PA had previously discussed hiring an on-site officer through a grant program however Richard hasn't heard anymore about this. Currently Ryan Bjerke is the unofficial school officer. This years scheduling will change slightly which will also include Eric Dodge (as well as Ryan) to be involved in the school system with programs such as DARE. The VEST program is intact and Richard will follow through to ensure the town receives reimbursements as specified in the program.
**RESCUE:** Lee needs to talk with Dottie with a concern she has over the surplus money. NO REPORT for rescue.
**HEALTH:** NO REPORT
**GENERAL GOVT:** NO REPORTS
**NEW BUSINESS:** Dan Demars sent a letter of resignation from the Planning Commission. Lee made the motion seconded by Don to accept his resignation. Passed. Lynn will write a letter to Dan thanking him for his services. The Board received a complaint about junk on George Spence's property on Churchill Road. Ken Sweetser is willing to follow up with the complaint. The Board discussed it there were any regulations in place giving the Town the ability to enforce the clean up. Brian stated yes because this is a written complaint to the Board. The Board agrees to have Ken follow through with his efforts to solve the issue but only through the DRB with no attorneys involved. SL-opposed. Stevens Law Office sent a letter to the Board stating an interest to be involved in the re-hearing of the North Country Animal League. OSHA specs for the Ambulance needs a plan. It was decided the Town Policy should cover all departments rather than each dept. having a separate policy. Jack Currier commented to Lee he is not happy with how the front sidewalk looks in front of the Post Office's new location. Carol and MaryAnn interviewed Beth Morton as Carol's assistant. Brian made the motion seconded by Don to hire Beth. Passed. SL-opposed. Bill asked about trees in the parking lot. He has received 1 bid at present. The Board will hold off on any decision for 2 weeks to allow time for Bill to receive additional bids. The AA position has not been filled at this time. Only 1 resume has been received which the Board is not interested in. Don will cover the office as much as possible and will be paid for his time. Lynn will also continue to help out.
**OLD BUSINESS:** Lee made the motion seconded by Don to extend the R L Vallee contract for fuel. Passed. Don and Lee discussed if there is a need for anything in our policies for Fire Dept. for volunteers to undergo drug & alcohol testing following an accident. It was determined there is no current policy or requirement for one however we should think about the possibility of having one when we are re-doing our personnel policies. The Board stated the necessity of having a tickler file for unresolved issues as well as items needing attention annually so future follow-up items are taken care of promptly before contracts run out etc.
**PAYROLL/BILLS:** Lee made the motion seconded by Don to accept warrant 99-30 in the amount of 115,219.74. Passed. Don