TOWN OF MORRISTOWN **AUGUST 19, 2002**
SELECTBOARD MINUTES

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

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

Guests: Heidi Krantz, Community Coordinator; George Cook, MRS; Scott Griswold, Hyde Park Selectboard and Dot Cook, MRS

Chair Brian Greenia called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM at the Morrisville Water & Light Facility as the Liquor Control Board.

BOARD OF LIQUOR CONTROL

A request from Green Mountain Catering, Inc. for a catering permit for off premise consumption for September 8, 2002 was received for approval.

On a motion by Brian Greenia, seconded by Mark Struhsacker, the Board approved the off premise consumption catering permit for September 8, 2002 for Green Mountain Catering. Jim Paige opposed.

ADJOURN: BOARD OF LIQUOR CONTROL

On a motion by Shaun Bryer, seconded by James Paige, the Board adjourned as the Board of Liquor Control and moved into regular Selectboard meeting at 6:10PM.

OLD BUSINESS

MINUTES OF 08/05/02:

On a motion by James Paige, seconded by Mark Struhsacker, the Selectboard approved the minutes of August 5, 2002 as presented.

JUNK & JUNK VEHICLE ORDINANCE:

The Selectboard at their August 5, 2002 meeting voted to adopt Junk & Junk Vehicle Ordinance #0807-13 and requested a final draft be submitted for signatures at their next meeting.

On a motion by Mark Struhsacker, seconded by James Paige, the Selectboard voted to adopt, sign and post the Junk & Junk Vehicle Ordinance #0807-13 as presented.

During discussion of the new ordinance, a letter from 12-year old Taylor Cheney of Brooklyn Street was read. In her letter she asked, *"Does the town of Morrisville have a* *policy about too much junk outside, (around the house?)"* She felt the town should have a policy about junk. The Board felt it appropriate to send Taylor a copy of the newly adopted ordinance.

The chairman asked if the town had received any complaints and stated that Steve Leach had expressed concerns about the ordinance to him. The Town Administrator commented that all concerns should and have been directed to the Zoning Administrator, Mark Leonard.

DESIGNATION OF ISSUING & APPROVING OFFICIAL:

On a motion by Shaun Bryer, seconded by James Paige, the Board designated the Zoning Administrator as the Issuing Official authorized to issue municipal complaints on behalf of the Town and as an Appearing Official to represent the Town in the Judicial Bureau when municipal complaints are heard.

The chairman signed a letter dated August 19, 2002, notifying the Judicial Bureau of this appointment.

SIDEWALK ON PORTLAND STREET:

Shaun Bryer inquired on the situation regarding the sidewalk and handicap ramp in front of Melben's Restaurant. The Administrator stated that the Highway Superintendent, a Selectboard Member and he himself had looked at the ramp and sidewalk. It was determined that the sidewalk hasn't moved

SPEED LIMIT SIGNS:

Mark Struhsacker inquired if the speed limit signs on the Stagecoach Road had been corrected. Chief Richard Keith replied that they have not been done as of yet. Houle Avenue signs were also discussed. The Administrator informed the Board that we have not received the signs from the distributor.

NEW BUSINESS

MPD NEW HIRE:

Chief Keith reported that he had finally found a viable candidate to fill the COPS position left vacant when Cindy Storey resigned as a full-time officer. Michael Dougherty is currently a part-time officer with the Stowe Police Department. Chief Keith recommended hiring Mr. Dougherty as a part-time officer now until he completes the remainder of his training. After that period of time, which he estimates to be four to six weeks, he would like to place him in the department as a full-time officer if it looks favorable. Discussion included whether this would cause problems with the Stowe Police

Department. Chief Keith said that Stowe did not have any full-time positions open. Further discussion included the first step rate in the Union Contract as $10.97, which was recommended for the part-time position. If accepted as a full-time officer, $11.27 would be considered as Mr. Dougherty has prior experience.

On a motion by Shaun Bryer, seconded by James Paige, the Board moved to offer part-time employment to Michael Dougherty at the rate of $10.97 for a probationary period of six weeks with a full-time position to be considered after that time.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR:

The Selectboard was in receipt of a letter of resignation from Lee Sturtevant as Morristown's EMC. The Board asked the Town Administrator to draft a letter to Mr. Sturtevant; thanking him for all of his hard work and dedication to the position and to Morristown and the Board will all sign at the next meeting. Discussion also included whether the town had received an official written resignation from the Fire Warden. The Administrator replied that he only had received a verbal notice, not an official written one. A notice needs to be placed in the newspaper advertising the position.

9/11 PROCLAMATION:

Fred Latour of the American Legion requested the Selectboard adopt a Proclamation for 9/11 and be on hand to present it at the ceremony on September 11th at the last meeting. The Board's chair recommended that Board member Donald Anderson, a long time member of the American Legion, present the Proclamation at the ceremony.

On a motion by James Paige, seconded by Shaun Bryer, the Board moved to adopt the Proclamation as presented and ask Donald Anderson to represent the Board at the ceremony.

Donald Anderson arrived at the meeting at this time.

FEMA MEMORANDUM:

The Town of Morristown received FEMA documents for approval to receive funds for flood damages. One document required verification of compliance in order to receive additional monies. The Board asked the Town Administrator to research the various issues further to make sure the Town qualified.

SPEED ISSUES:

The Town Administrator reported that resident Earl Ralph had left a message on the answering machine requesting speed limit reduction on the Randolph Road as well as stop signs near the Stancliff Road intersection. Chief Keith reminded the Board that Jim Neuland issued complaints as well. The Chief felt that stop signs were not a good idea, but there was no town speed limit for the Stagecoach Road so the state limit of 50 mph would be the speed limit. Enforcement of speeding was again discussed and James Paige asked if enough revenue could be generated to pay for an additional officer. Chief Keith informed the Board that he had driven the road himself today and found the fastest person he recorded was traveling at 52 mph. The recent traffic study on the Golf Course Road showed the number of cars to be in the 400's, which was determined that the bridge construction on Route 100 created additional travel on the Randolph Road as well as Golf Course Road and Stagecoach Road. It was decided that another study would be done after the completion of the bridge construction and traffic would be monitored for a period of time before any decisions were made.

Chief Richard Keith left at this time.

GUESTS

VCDP GRANT AGREEMENT:

Community Coordinator Heidi Krantz explained the grant agreement, resolutions and contract with LCPC that were presented for the Board's approval.

On a motion by James Paige, seconded by Mark Struhsacker, the Board agreed to enter into a VCDP Grant Agreement with the State of Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development.

On a motion by Shaun Bryer, seconded by James Paige, the Selectboard agreed to enter into a contract with Lamoille County Planning Commission to provide Administrative Services and Program Management for the VCDP Grant #0123/01PG(05).

On a motion by Mark Struhsacker, seconded by James Paige, the Board approved the following: Form FM-1, Designation of Depository; Form FM-2, Authorized signatures for requisition of VCDP funds; and Form PM-1, Grant Agreement Resolution – Single Grantee.

Heidi informed the Board that the first *big* Steering Committee meeting would be held on Thursday the 22nd at the Tegu Building and would begin to tackle how the VSJF and VCDP projects tie together. Brian Greenia reported that Maynard's was in the process of purchasing the C. K. Holding's building so that would be off the market.

George & Dot Cook, along with Scott Griswold arrived at the meeting.

The Board thanked Heidi for her part in the Community Festival. Heidi said that a lot of people worked really hard to make it successful.

The Town Administrator remarked that changes needed to be made to Heidi's job description and it would be on the agenda for the upcoming Board meeting. Heidi reminded everyone to purchase his or her Morristown T-shirts. The cost is $10.00 and they are available in the Town Clerk's office.

SCOTT GRISWOLD:

Hyde Park Selectman Scott Griswold requested that the Town of Morristown and the Morristown Rescue Squad consider the possibility of expanding into a Regional Rescue Service. If a countywide regional service could be established, there could be dispatch from two locations countywide. Mr. Griswold said he was also representing the towns of Johnson, Belvidere, Waterville and Eden. Presently they contract with Lamoille Ambulance for rescue service and don't know if they will be able to continue, due to the large increases in fees. Their current contract will expire in July of 2003.

Lamoille Ambulance not only handled the emergency calls, but also provides mutual aid and covered on call service for other rescue squads when there were not enough volunteers. Mr. Griswold presented information provided by Lamoille County Sheriff's Department depicting Lamoille Ambulance calls dispatched for 2001. There were a total of 484 calls with 409 of those being from contracted towns.

Other possibilities that have been looked at included private not for profit services out of Newport and St. Albans. Newport is willing to give a proposal based on the info provided. If they were awarded a contract, they would be willing to look at also doing transports.

Mr. Griswold said he, along with Duncan Tingle of Johnson, would be putting together alternatives and costs for the various Selectboards to review. He stated that he was in favor of communities countywide joining forces, not only for rescue services but fire departments as well. He further stated that he has met with District 4 representatives to see if there was any interest in joining forces.

Currently the charge is $75,000 to cover the five towns serviced. The new contract would be in the range of $230,000, which would be a $27.53/per capita figure. The Town Administrator said that the usual per capita figure was in the range of $15 - $18. Bob Hoag was quoted in the newspaper as saying "it's all or nothing, if the contract is not signed they will be moving to Burlington".

Further discussion included that volunteers in some areas are paid a stipend of $1.50 - $2.00 per hour on call pay and then when called out they are paid somewhere in the range of $8 - $10 per hour.

Possible suggestions for joining with other towns included: Johnson, Cambridge, Waterville and Belvidere as one squad and Morristown, Hyde Park and Eden as the second with the towns with Fast Squads to stay in place to cover as first response.

The chair asked Dot Cook how many calls Morristown had in 2001. Dot replied approximately between 450 and 500.

Mr. Griswold felt two to three full-time employees with the balance, as volunteers would be adequate to staff the two locations. When response time from Morristown to Eden was questioned, it was stated that it was 3 – 4 minutes longer than dispatching out of Lamoille Ambulance. Other discussion included Paramedic intercepts, transfers versus E911 only, how the regional squad would be administered and how this would affect the Morristown Rescue Squad's connection with the Alexander Hamilton Copley Trust fund.

It was discussed whether the Ambulances would be dispatched out of Hyde Park, being centrally located or Morristown. Mr. Griswold said it would make no sense to dispatch out of Hyde Park, as there was no one there during the daytime hours. Hyde Park and Eden together had approximately 205 calls in 2001 and it was questioned whether Morristown could pick up that many additional calls.

Mr. Griswold said two brothers and their sister own Lamoille Ambulance. Two of them want out of the business and the other cannot afford to buy them out. Amcare, a St. Albans (private for profit) service is interested in providing temporary help.

Mr. Griswold left at 8:10 PM.

The Selectboard felt that Morristown Rescue needs to look at and analyze the situation and report back to them. Dot and George Cook felt that more information was needed. Morristown needs to do what is best for Morristown first and then look beyond. Further discussion showed that Morristown had a lot of volunteers on their roster from neighboring towns. Insurance protection was also questioned. The Board asked the Administrator to check with VLCT. They also requested that MRS submit a list of questions and thoughts for future discussion. It was reported that George Vaupel had attended the meeting when regional rescue service was discussed. George and Dot Cook left at 8:20 PM.

WARRANTS

On a motion by James Paige, seconded by Mark Struhsacker, the Board authorized the warrants as presented on the Memorandum dated 08/19/02. (attached)

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

The Administrator stated that the Pleasant View Cemetery Bylaws had been typed and would be given to Pat Persico on Tuesday. He said that further issues he wished to discuss would have to be in Executive Session.

OTHER BUSINESS

It was reported that the town had received a report from the State on the Alternate Truck Route progress. It was determined at the recent Railroad meeting that the State wants to lease the railroad property and they do not want the building torn down.

Brian Greenia reported that a request for operating expenses from a local business was made at a recent MDF meeting. Discussion included that there did not seem to be any consistency on how loans were paid back and they may look into having someone else administer MDF funds in the near future. Offering small improvement loans was once again discussed. It was suggested that this be on the next Selectboard agenda for a closer look on dollar amounts and terms.

The Water & Light Department have recently installed new light fixtures on the bridge on Bridge Street and everyone felt they looked really good.

Donald Anderson inquired on the status of the break in and damages sustained at the Golf Course and possibly having the young people involved doing community service. The skate park issue was also revisited.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mark Struhsacker, seconded by James Paige, the Selectboard moved into Executive Session at 8:40 PM on a highway personnel matter with the Town Administrator and Administrative Assistant in attendance.

On a motion by James Paige, seconded by Shaun Bryer, the Board moved out of Executive Session at 9:40 PM.

ADJOURN

On a motion by James Paige, seconded by Mark Struhsacker, the Board adjourned their meeting at 9:41 PM.

Barbara Cochran, Scribe
Minutes filed 08/23/02

Minutes to be presented for approval at the next Selectboard Meeting.

Barbara Cochran — 9/3/02

Minutes approved — Date

Memorandum

To: Selectboard

From: Carol L. Bradley, Bookkeeper

Date: 08/19/02

Re: Warrants presented for Board Meeting on August 19, 2002

General Fund:

Warrant #01-62– PR Related Invoices from pay period 8/14/02	$ 6,453.77
Warrant #01-63– AP Unpaid Invoices due 8/20/02	$ 96,024.42
Payroll Warrant for pay period ending 8/10/02 -Pd 8/14/02	$ 41,773.00

Other Funds:

Recreation

Warrant #01-14– AP Paid Invoices – August 2002	$799.52