TOWN OF MORRISTOWN
SELECTBOARD
MINUTES

DATE: July 27, 1998
PRESENT: Brian R. Greenia, Chair, Steven G. Leach, Phil Locke, Kenneth E. Grimes, Maria Ward.
DEPARTMENT HEADS PRESENT: Richard Keith, William Moulton, Wayne Camley,George Cook
OTHERS PRESENT: Pastor Ray McRorie, Sam Jewett, Jeanne Jewett, Don Anderson, J.B. McKinley, Baine Trombley, Brenda Williams, Brian Kellogg, Tom Bjerke, Gary Nolan, David Silverman, Tom Paine, Paul Trudell, Theresa Breault

The Chair opened the meeting of the Board of Health at 6:30 pm. The discussion was regarding **Mr. Jewett's failed septic system located on Bridge Street.** Pastor McRorie expressed that the Four Square Church is requesting a 6" sewer line to be used when hooking up to the Village sewer as the line will be at the Church property. The Church council is in agreement with using the Church property. Pastor McRorie is waiting for a answer from the International Board and expects that by the middle of September. Lee Sturtevant made the motion seconded by Phil Locke to grant Mr. Jewett an extension to bring the sewer system into compliance by September 15, 1998. Discussion: Brian stated that if the system surfaces prior to that date it will have to be dealt with at that time. Passed.
The Board of Health agreed to notify the owner's of **Talord's Tavern** that the garbage in the alley will have to be removed within 24 hours. Richard Keith is to deliver the notice.
Lee advised the Board of a complaint regarding the **Rau property on East Olive St.** Maria has also received a complaint regarding that property. There is something inside causing an odor. The apartment is locked and the tenants are unreachable. Brian made the motion seconded by Phil to authorize Lee to check with the State regarding the entry rights with the tenants not being available. Passed. Ken abstained.
Maria received a complaint from Josh Allen regarding the gas **pumps** that are being stored in the garage next to the trailer he rents. The Board of Health agreed that this is a State air quality issue.
The Chair adjourned the Board of Health at 6:45 pm.

The Chair opened the meeting of the Selectboard at 6:45 pm.

MINUTES: Steve Leach made the motion seconded by Phil Locke to approve the minutes of the July 13, 1998 meeting. Correction; regarding the dog kennel to be burned. Lee stated that if a permit was to be issued it would be to the owner not the Fire Department. Passed.

PAYROLL/BILLS: Lee made the motion to accept the bills as presented in warrant 98.05 dated 7/27/98 in the amount of $28,111.02., seconded by Brian. discussion; Steve asked Wayne if the funds to pay for the dry hydrants are in the budget. yes.Ken abstained. Passed. Lee made the motion seconded by Ken to approve warrant 98.03 dated 7/27/98 from the Recreation Dept. in the amount of $1685.48. Passed. Ken made the motion seconded by Lee to approve check warrant 98.04 in the amount of $6534.25 and check warrant 98.03 in the amount of $385.42. Passed. Ken made the motion seconded by Lee to approve payroll dated 7/21 in the amount of $24,764.76. Passed.

GUESTS: Mike Morrow from LRSWD attended the meeting to discuss the transfer station located behind Ward's Systems. Mr. Manosh has asked the LRSWD to move the transfer station as he has other plans for that area. Mr. Morrow would like permission to locate the transfer station at the Oxbow property. Ken Grimes does not think that is a good idea as the Oxbow property is for community and recreational use. Lee is not in favor of that site and asked if the old railroad site had been considered. Brian asked what the average traffic count is on a Saturday. The answer is about 20 cars per ½ hour in the A.M. Steve asked if the old landfill had been considered. Brian Kellogg stated that Jeff Foss is not interested in that. Mr. Morrow stated that an alternative site will have to be found within 2 weeks.

Tom Bjerke approached the Board to ask if he could pursue the possibility of combining the parking of Copley Health Systems and the Ambulance building. The Board does not want that possibility pursued. Bill Moulton stated that there may be a possible problem with the pipe under Maple Street at some point.

Tome Bjerke and Gary Nolan were in attendance to discuss the proposed ball fields on route 15A. Brian asked what the long range plans are for the maintenance of the fields. Tom stated that the maintenance will be the responsibility of the Softball Association. In the future it may be possible to have the Recreation Committee take over that responsibility. It was asked if alcoholic beverages could be controlled. Gary stated that it would be difficult, however there could be some restrictions, no glass etc.

The **Development Review Board** was asked to attend the meeting to discuss personnel issues. Brian asked if the DRB would like to go into executive session. The DRB did not feel that was necessary. Brian stated that there may be the appearance of a conflict of interest since Tom Bjerke is on the board and is a professional who at times may be presenting a request to that board. Steve asked if the DRB has developed criteria regarding the issue. Gary stated that Ken may be working on that. David Silverman did not feel that he was prepared to speak about the subject as he was unaware of the topic, however he did want to state that he does not feel there is a problem at all. As the topic was discussed it was made clear that there is a respect for each member of the DRB and the expertise which they each contribute. Tom stated that there are no conflicts of interest. Each member of that board recuses themselves whenever it becomes necessary. The discussion concluded that there may be an appearance of a conflict of interest as members of the board also have their own profession, however each member does and will recuse themselves whenever necessary. Steve Leach stated that it should be made clear in the minutes that if a person recuses himself that he also leave the room.

AA REPORT

Morristown did not receive the grant for the Pedestrian & Bike path although other options may be pursued. The 97-98 delinquent taxes are not in the hands of Williams & Green. The September 7 meeting is also Labor Day therefore will be rescheduled.
Don Anderson discussed E-911 and the future maintenance. Don will attend the August 10 meeting to discuss this further.

DEPARTMENTS

HIGHWAY: Bill stated that the paving project should begin the second week in August. The dept. will begin taking out the pavement and replacing the sidewalk in front of 499 Upper Main Street on July 28, 1998. The Village crew has been ditching and graveling in Mud City. Bill has met with FEMA regarding the Garfield Road project.
POLICE: Richard stated that the Police Department has been very busy lately. There have been over 200 calls, 10 arrests, and 2 detox transports. Sweet & Burt will begin work on the new air system July 29,1998 and should take approximately 3 days.
FIRE: Wayne stated that the Fire Dept has been busy. Vermont is an OSHA state therefore has to follow the requirements. Wayne explained to the Board that this may cause an increase in his budget as the state requires 2 in and 2 out, face pieces to be form fitted, and some of the men are required physicals yearly. Wayne submitted sealed bids for the replacing of windows and repair & installation. Jeff Hill $1515.00. Country Home $5912.00. Draper const. $4961.00. Morrisville Lumber $3050.00, $2550.00, and $3380.51. It appears that not all bids are on the same specifications and will have to be checked.

AMBULANCE: George Cook asked about the repair of the sidewalk and that will be looked into. Mr. Cook gave an invitation to the Board for the annual BBQ August 9. The Lamoille Ambulance had to cover for the Morristown Ambulance as they were short a driver. It was asked if the flag to be put up will have to be lit. Phil stated that a motion detector will be put over the back door which should take care of that. Lee gave George an update of the protocol which Dave connelly has a copy of the update. Steve asked if the Lamoille Ambulance charges a fee to cover Morristown. No

GENERAL GOVERNMENT: Scott Corse stated that the Trustees and Commissioners are in agreement to sell the Green River Reservoir, there will be a meeting for the Village residents regarding the sale of the Green River Reservoir on August 24, 1998.

OLD BUSINESS

Steve and Richard will look into the reduction for the speed limit on 15A for the next meeting. Steve stated that Howard Manosh received a stay on the tower until August 15, which means nothing can be done until that time. The Environmental board will make the final decision.

NEW BUSINESS

VLCT PACIF has offered Morristown a guaranteed 2 year insurance rate. Lee made the motion seconded by Ken to accept the guaranteed 2 year rate. discussion; Ken asked what the reduction has been for the past two years. About $10,000.00. Passed.

Lee made the motion seconded by Ken to grant Michael Reagan a vendors license. Passed.

The Board agreed to sign the impact statement for Howard Manosh regarding the subdivision on Ferland Pit Road and to move the crusher to the Hankinson land.

Steve stated that some of the Cemetery Commissioners would like gravel for the cemetery roads. That is okay by the board.

Lee has noticed the Stop sign at the bottom of Washington Highway, and has asked to have the weeds cut back.

Lee made the motion seconded by ken to grant Joe Alfieri the fireworks permit for 8/1 & 8/2 to end by 11:00 pm. Passed.