# TOWN OF MORRISTOWN
## SELECTBOARD
## MINUTES

**DATE:** July 26, 1999
**PRESENT:** Brian R. Greenia, Chair; Steven G. Leach, Lee Sturtevant, Phil Locke, Donald Anderson, Maria Ward,
**DEPARTMENT HEADS:** Mary Ann Wilson, Kenneth Sweetser, Dottie Cook, George Vaupel, William Moulton, Richard Keith, Wayne Camley.
**OTHERS:** Scott Corse, Gloria Wing, Louis Ferris, Pat McCullock, Kelly Rogers, Richard Sargent, Erik Bailey, William Alexander, Lucy LeRiche

**GUESTS:** Lucy LeRiche was present to ask the Selectboard to once again sponsor Lamoille Housing Partnership for the VCDP grant for the Copley House. The grant is for $450,000.00. Lucy stated that this project has been rated #6 out of 91 nationally! Brian asked if the project is still the same. Lucy stated that project has not changed. Lee made the motion seconded by Don to have the Town of Morristown be the sponsor for the grant. Passed. Brian made the motion seconded by Lee to have Lucy LeRiche as the main contact person for the grant. Passed. Andy Broderick stated that there potentially could be historic tax credits if the building was on the National Historic Register. The Copley House was the original Copley Hospital building. Don made the motion seconded Lee to sign the paper to apply for the Copley House to be entered into the National Historic Register. Discussion; Steve asked if this building should be listed as the original Copley Hospital. It is listed as such. Passed.

Mary Ann Wilson was present to ask the Board to sign the current use application form. Lee made the motion seconded by don to sigh the adjusted current use application form. Passed. Mary Ann reviewed the financials with the Board to recommend a tax rate. Don made the motion seconded by Lee to set the tax rate for the 19999/00 tax year at $2.18. Discussion; did the school have a surplus? Yes. However Mary Ann has not been informed of that yet. Passed. Mary Ann asked for clarification of the 6/28/99 minutes. Don clarified that his intention for the motion was to comply with Mary Ann's request regarding the Fiscal Service Manager increase in pay and the addition of a part time bookkeeper. Brian stated that his intention was to keep the rate of pay the same for the manager. Steve stated that motions should be written down before voted on. Brian would like to table this discussion. Don has requested an executive session to discuss this any further. Mary Ann also discussed the application which have been received for the part time bookkeeper position.

Officials from the USPS were scheduled, however did not arrive. There was general discussion from the attendees regarding the parking in the municipal lot. The parking in front of the Post Office will be posted as 15 minute parking. Kelly Rogers asked if the parking was going to be signed as specifically for the Post Office. No. This will be 15 minute parking for anyone who wishes to use the parking lot. Pat McCullock is concerned with the Municipal parking lot as well as parking on Portland St. The two hour parking seems to be abused by the same people

**A A REPORT:** Dr. Olsen's office is requesting a handicap sign for the parking space directly in front of the office. The board approved this request at Dr. Olsen's expense. Parking along Main and Portland Streets was discussed during the last staff meeting. It seems to be the same people who are parking all day, therefore Chief Keith will personally call the people who are abusing the 2 hour parking.

**MINUTES:** Lee made the motion seconded by Don to approve the minutes of the 7/12/99 meeting as presented. Passed.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**
**HIGHWAY:** Bill stated that the curb in front of the Advent Church is in and will be paved this week. Bill also asked if that section could be designated as 15 minute parking except Sundays. The reasoning is to have this section for drop off and pick up of school children. Brian suggested that a letter could be sent to the school stating that this is short term parking, not all day parking. The parking issue for the village was then revisited. Richard will let the Board know at the next meeting how many signs would be necessary for Portland and Main Streets. Steve stated that the Oxbow parking lot should be discussed when doing an ordinance. Steve also stated that he would like to see the parking enforced for everyone. Bill stated that the paving will begin Tuesday, and the pre-construction meeting for BR 32 will also be Tuesday at 7:00 a.m. Beginning next Tuesday there will be a person from diversion working with the Highway Dept. one day per week. Bill is also concerned with the water run off from the new Copley Nursing Home. Steve stated that the curbing in front of the Advent Church looks good.
**FIRE:** The Fire Department has had a busy week with grass fires. The Freightliner will be checked out in Burlington. The Driver's training has been completed. Wayne stated that the Lamoille River is not accessible to the Fire Dept. because of the boulders in front of the path. Wayne and Bill will discuss this.
**POLICE:** Bill Morley is currently out due to illness. The employees are currently taking short term vacations. Richard discussed the block grant for 1998 which has not been received as of yet. Richard is requesting $5,000.00 for Domestic Violence. Don made the motion to authorize Carol Bradley to electronically request $5,000.00 for the Domestic Violence Program, seconded by Lee. Passed. The Ford Expedition should be delivered 7/28/99. Fleetwood has offered $3700.00 for the '95 Crown Victoria, however TCD has offered $3750.00. Don made the motion seconded by Phil to authorize the first payment of the Ford Expedition minus