SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
JULY 24, 2000

PRESENT: Don A, Steve L, Brian G-Chair, Jim P, Lee S

DEPT. HEADS: Bill M, Richard K, Wally R, Bud G

GUESTS: Brad Worthen, Pete Snyder, Gloria Wing, Paul Griswold, Edward Debor, Mike Stafford, Scott Corse, Ken Schramm

HIGHWAY REPORT:
The Village crew has moved the curb near the Fire Station – it will be paved on Thursday. About 75' of curbing will be done near Lucille Brooks on the Randolph Road. Grass has been mowed and sections of sidewalks in the Village are formed up. The Town has been mowing roadsides and an excavator has been rented for a few weeks. Paving is scheduled to start around 8/14 to be completed before school starts. Northeast Specialties will be installing the guardrail near Sinow's on Friday.

Bill received the following truck bids: (both include trade-in of '95 F350)

¾ ton Chevrolet from McMahons	$18,445
1 ton Ford from Hardwick Motors	$18,030

Don made the motion seconded by Lee to purchase the 1 ton Ford pickup from Hardwick Motors not to exceed $18,030. Passed.

POLICE:
The dept. received about 210 calls with 2 detox. Dept. has been busy with staff on vacation and the paving project on Rte 100. The '97 cruiser needed repair of a cracked intake manifold. Richard requested purchase of a radio for the new cruiser to be funded with $1,000 from the surplus and $600 from the block grant. Don made the motion seconded by Lee to authorize purchase of the radio with funding as stated above. Passed. Richard requested authorization to purchase 2 Kenwood 370 radios from Morse in the amount of $1,230 – to come out of the communications budget. Don made the motion seconded by Jim to purchase the 2 radios as presented. Passed. Staff will be helping out Pike on the paving job for a few more weeks.

FIRE:
Wally requested approval to purchase all uniforms for the year now, as it will be cheaper than purchasing a few sets at a time throughout the year. The Jeffords grant will reimburse up to $2,200 of this expense and the remainder is in the gear/uniform budget. This is the year to inspect the ladder truck – Wally will get quotes and bring back to the Board. Wally is looking into retrofitting E2 with the same chains as on E1 – he will get back to the Board with more information.

HEALTH:
The trailer on Frazier road will need to be re-checked by the Health Officer as there are conflicting stories concerning occupancy.

RESCUE:
Bud has purchased 4 radios, the infant seat and software as previously authorized. The carpet has been back-ordered for another 2 weeks. Bud has spoken with Warren West regarding the planning committee – there will be a meeting Thursday night at 7pm. The consensus of the committee is to hire a full-time person however Bud will report back to the Board with more information at the next meeting. Some volunteers are starting leave-of-absences on August 1st – which will make it necessary for Lamoille to cover some shifts.

ANIMAL CONTROL: NONE

GENERAL GOVERNMENT: NONE

AA REPORT:
Eric Lande requested a fireworks permit on Ross Hill Road for 7/28/00 with no alternate date. Lee made the motion seconded by Jim to grant the request as submitted. Passed.

Steve made the motion seconded by Jim to recognize Eric S. Bailey for the Eagle Scout Commendation and send him to the ceremony. Passed.

The VLCT 2000 annual fair will be held in Killington this year. Jim is interested in being the Morrisville delegate. Don will get more information for discussion at the next meeting.

The Town received 2 bills for Village streetlights and a bill for streetlights on Jersey Way. The Board decided to hold off paying the Village streetlight bills until the properties have been deeded over as agreed upon. The agreement for payment of lights on Jersey Way will be researched with Scott Corse.

The Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses have about 200 chairs for sale at $10 each. Don will go look at them & possibly purchase about 30 for the conference room.

Don will research details on Town easements / ROW to the bike path.

Karen Collins from LHP stated the sidewalk near back door of Post Office does not meet ADA standards and may jeopardize funding for their project. The Board feels Louis Ferris needs to be contacted as it is on his property.

A complaint regarding appearance of a property on Goeltz Road was received. The Board dismissed the complaint, as they have cannot enforce such issues.

GUESTS:

Brad Worthen and Pete Snyder from VT Rail Link Inc. were present to discuss preserving the Lamoille Valley Railroad. They requested the Board's endorsement and support of the project. Their presentation consisted of reviewing of benefits, sources of support, previous failures and future needs. The Board will review all information received and respond to the endorsement request within 30 days.

Paul Griswold was present representing the Morristown Centennial Library group. Members of the VFW and American Legion are working with the group on a remembrance project for all veterans who resided in Morristown and left to go to any war. A sketch with ideas of monuments to be located on the Village triangle was viewed. The group would also like to include citizens from Wolcott & Elmore. The group is looking for approval from the Board to proceed with the project. The Board approves the project however has some concerns regarding the integrity of the existing monument as well as safety / parking issues.

Edward Debor was present representing the Morristown Centennial Library. A request for proposal of Architectural Services was submitted to the Board for expansion of the Library. The Library will pay all costs for the draft out of their budget – approximately $5,000. The expansion will include handicapped access & facilities and modernizing of services. The current heritage will be incorporated in the new design. The Board approves a draft be completed however suggested the Library look for a grant to help cover costs.

Ken Schramm was present to voice concerns of inconsistencies of a town employee.

OLD BUSINESS:

An ad still needs to be placed in the newspaper thanking the 4th of July committee for a great parade.

Steve will continue to follow up with property owners on Portland Street regarding new boundaries set forth from a new survey.

Brian recommended not moving the utility poles as previously discussed. He suggested signing the agreement with Bell Atlantic if they would in return remove all their old poles in the Village and connect their wires to the new W & L poles. Brian will have a representative contact Scott Corse for details.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Lee made the motion seconded by Jim to approve the minutes of the Selectboard meeting on July 10, 2000 as submitted. Passed.

NEW BUSINESS:
Traffic concerns near the new Post Office have been expressed. Traffic continues to exit onto Portland Street. Bill will order 2 NO EXIT signs to put up. The highway dept. will also be re-lining the parking spaces. Discussion of traffic safety concerns will resume at next meeting.

Jim has spoken with the school regarding appearance of the track. The turnstiles are not used anymore and can be removed. Traffic is also driving on the grass to avoid the speed bumps. These issues will need to be corrected by the school, as the Town does not maintain these areas.

There will be a BCA meeting 8/3/00 at 5:30pm.

Lee made the motion seconded by Don to authorize payment of $550 for Morrisville's portion of the "Shared Hydro-Seeder Project". Passed.

There was discussion of setting the curb back to the sidewalk by the school entrance to make more room. The project is tabled at this time.

GENERAL FUND:
Lee made the motion seconded by Jim to pay warrant #00-32 in the amount of $50,706.54 and warrant #00-31 in the amount of $39,916.99. Passed. Jim made the motion seconded by Steve to pay payroll warrant for pay period ending 7/15/00 in the amount of $32,950.65. Passed.

OTHER FUNDS:
Lee made the motion seconded by Jim to pay recreation #ML-08 in the amount of $7,193.76. Passed.

Lee made the motion seconded by Steve to adjourn the meeting of the Selectboard at 9:32pm. Passed.

Don made the motion seconded by Steve to enter into a meeting of the Board of Liquor Control at 9:32pm. Passed. Lee made the motion seconded by Don to approve a 1st Class License and a Cabaret License to the Charlmont Restaurant as submitted. Passed. JP-opposed. Don made the motion seconded by Steve to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Liquor Control at 9:35pm. Passed.

Lynn Miller, Scribe
Minutes filed 7/26/00

Brian Greenia, Chair
Minutes not approved