

**TOWN OF MORRISTOWN
SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES**

JULY 23, 2001

Members Present: Brian Greenia, Mark Struhsacker, Don Anderson, Jim Paige and Lee Sturtevant

Dept. Heads Present: Paul D. McGinley, Mary Ann Wilson, Bill Moulton, Lynn Miller, Wally Reeve, Richard Keith and George Vaupel

Guests: Ben Hogwood, Steven & Kristy Gravel, Wayland II & Darla Wells, Richard Cron, Matt Nadeau and Scott Corse

Chair, Brian Greenia called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

GUESTS:

REAPPRAISAL:

Lister Lynn Miller presented a "Budget and Expectations" handout outlining the estimated cost for the upcoming Reappraisal. Vermont Appraisal Company will do all of the 250+/- commercial and industrial properties. Tim Morrissey and John Callan, outside appraisers will do approximately 800 properties and the listers will do the remaining 1274 parcels.

Properties will be divided into sections (neighborhoods), with one person assigned to appraise that particular section to allow for a uniform and constant perspective. VT Appraisal Co. and the listers will inform the public through the local newspaper to keep taxpayers informed.

New hours for the Lister's office have been set to allow the listers more time for inspections during normal hours. They are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM and closed on Wednesdays.

TAX RATE FY2002:

Mary Ann Wilson, Town Clerk & Treasurer reported that the Grand List for 2001 has been calculated and filed. The Municipal Grand List is \$2,803,897.25 and the Education Grand List is \$2,731,306.25.

Actual Tax dollars to be raised, Town and School for 2001-2002 are \$6,960,719.00 which represents an 8% increase over 2000 - 2001.

APPROVED

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Morristown. *A vote was called on the motion. Jim Paige in favor of and Brian Greenia, Lee Sturtevant, Mark Struhsacker and Don Anderson opposed. Denied.*

GUESTS:

GUARDRAIL REQUEST:

Steve and Kristy Gravel requested the Town install guardrails on the corner by their property. An accident the previous week resulted in a vehicle hitting their house. Pictures were presented for the Selectboard to review. Their concerns were not only for their property, but also for their children and the neighborhood children who frequently play in their yard. Bill Moulton estimated that 100 feet of new guardrails at the cost of \$1,250.00 installed would be required to cover the area properly.

Wayland and Darla Wells, neighbors of the Gravel's also questioned the possibility of replacing the guardrails in front of their property.

Lee Sturtevant recommended postponing any decision until the next regular meeting to allow the Selectboard time to view the area. The Selectboard agreed.

ROCK ART BREWERY:

Matt Nadeau, owner of Rock Art Brewery would like to relocate his business from Johnson to a site located on Wilkins Street in Morrisville. He needs the Selectmen's written permission to allow him to operate his brewery in Town. Discussion included permit applications, affects on the local WWTF plant, amount of traffic generated by the business, and number of employees.

Lee Sturtevant moved to grant Rock Art Brewery permission to operate a Brewery in Morrisville, seconded by Mark Struhsacker. The motion passed with the results of the vote being Brian Greenia, Don Anderson, Mark Struhsacker and Lee Sturtevant in favor of and Jim Paige opposing.

FURTHER OLD BUSINESS:

Wally Reeve, MFD Chief presented a proposal for the purchase of nozzles and record keeping software. He requested using funds not expended from his last year's budget. Wally said that MRS could also possibly benefit from the software as it pertains to Rescue as well. The Selectboard requested that these purchases be included in next year's budget, as there was not any available surplus from the fiscal year just ended.

Dick Cron, American Legion Commander would like to discuss the Howitzer project at the next Selectboard meeting.

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WARRANTS:

On a motion by Lee Sturtevant and seconded by Jim Paige it was voted to approve the Memorandum dated 07/20/01 regarding Warrants as issued. Copy attached.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Selectboard commented to Scott Corse on the flags displayed on the utility poles. Scott responded that the flags were a result of Morrisville's Millennium Flag Project, headed by Shaun Bryer and Water and Light only installed them.

The Selectboard also informed Scott of their desire to meet with the Village Trustees to discuss future growth and the MWWTF.

The Selectboard signed the employment contract with Sandra Welch that had been approved at a prior meeting.

Lee Sturtevant made the motion to go into Executive Session at 7:55 PM on a personnel matter and Union negotiation issues with Barb Cochran and Paul McGinley in attendance. Jim Paige seconded the motion. So passed.

Don Anderson moved with Jim Paige seconding the motion to go out of Executive Session at 8:40 PM. So passed.

Don Anderson made the motion to adjourn at 8:41 PM. Lee Sturtevant seconded the motion. So passed.

*Barbara Cochran, Scribe
Minutes Filed 07/27/01*

*Brian Greenia, Chair
Minutes Not Approved*

TAX RATE COMPARISON - TOWN OF MORRISTOWN						
				1999	2000	2001
Municipal Grand List				\$ 2,632,012	\$ 2,745,316	\$ 2,803,897
Change \$				\$ 29,753	\$ 113,304	\$ 58,581
Change %				1.14%	4.30%	2%
Education Grand List				\$ 2,566,313	\$ 2,672,696	\$ 2,731,306
Change \$				\$ 27,507	\$ 106,383	\$ 58,609
Change %				1.08%	4.15%	2%
Taxes Voted at Town Meeting:						
	Town:			\$ 2,198,627	\$ 2,342,784	\$ 2,512,811
	Surplus			\$ (75,000)	\$ (123,000)	N/A
	Current Use			\$ (63,500)	\$ (72,500)	\$ (73,864)
	PILOT			\$ (5,000)	\$ (3,500)	\$ (3,970)
	Other			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Revised Municipal Total				\$ 2,055,127	\$ 2,143,784	\$ 2,434,977
Change \$				\$ 42,187	\$ 88,657	\$ 291,193
Change %				2.10%	4.30%	13.60%
	Munic. Tax Rate			\$ 0.4022	\$ 0.4560	\$ 0.5196
	Highway Tax Rate			\$ 0.3773	\$ 0.3237	\$ 0.3534
Total Municipal Tax Rate				0.7795	0.7797	0.8730
Education Tax Liability determined by State:						
	School:					
State share				\$ 2,906,943	\$ 3,073,565	\$ 3,205,631
Change \$				\$ 17,030	\$ 166,622	\$ 132,066
Change %				0.59%	7.95%	4.30%
Local share				\$ 687,231	\$ 1,230,256	\$ 1,320,111
Change \$				\$ 495,745	\$ 543,025	\$ 89,855
Change %				258.90%	7.90%	7.30%
Total state & local:				\$ 3,594,174	\$ 4,303,821	\$ 4,525,742
	School Tax Rate			\$ 1.4005	\$ 1.6103	\$ 1.6570
\$ to be raised Town & School				\$ 5,649,301	\$ 6,447,605	\$ 6,960,719
Change \$				\$ 554,962	\$ 798,304	\$ 513,114
Change %				10.90%	14.13%	8.00%
Total Tax Rate				\$ 2.1800	\$ 2.3900	\$ 2.5300
Change %				9.50%	9.60%	5.90%
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