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MORRISTOWN

SELECTBOARD MINUTES July 21, 2003

Members Present: Brian Greenia,, Mark Struhsacker, Brian Kellogg, Shaun Bryer

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

Mary Ann Wilson, Town Clerk

Guests: Judith Harris, Harris & Harris Consulting; Ed Wilson, Amy Kolb, News and Citizen

Chair Brian Greenia called the meeting to order at 6:47 PM at the Morrisville Water and Light conference room.

GUESTS

JUDITH HARRIS, HARRIS & HARRIS CONSULTING – SITE SELECTION, TOWN HALL

Paul McGinley prefaced the Harris presentation with background information regarding the activities of the Facilities Committee. He addressed the preliminary list of potential sites proposed by the committee, the use of a site evaluation questionnaire to refine the selection and the three recommended sites: Adventist Church complex, Richmond Street properties in conjunction with the Library and Demar/Grange Hall site.

Judith Harris distributed a booklet, "Town of Morristown, Town Hall/Town Offices, Site Selection Phase". The three proposed sites were reviewed in relationship to the needed town offices demonstrating lot size, location and access. Story boards were presented to illustrate the possible siting on each lot. Pertinent information regarding each site included such factors as land purchases, structures to be removed or renovated, acreage, neighborhood, sidewalks and on-site parking, and potential for expansion.

Discussion ensued regarding the impact on the grand list, alternative sites not included in the presentation, potential costs and/or cost savings presented by the Library site and the Adventist site, the necessity of allowing for future growth and a time frame within which to present the site selection phase of the project for public comment.

The Board concurred on focusing attention on the Library and Adventist sites; eliminating further consideration of the Demar site. Activities to be pursued immediately include

- Contact with the regional authority of the Adventist to determine their position should the local congregation forego the church property.

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GRADER NOTE

At the request of the bank, Mary Ann Wilson presented a clean copy of the grader note for the signature of the Selectboard.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS

As the Town of Worchester did not purchase the Maxim fire truck, the Board agreed it should be returned to municipal property and an ad will be placed with the VLCT.

NEW BUSINESS

VLCT BOARD VACANCY

The VLCT has solicited applications for vacancies on its Board of Directors. Chairman Greenia polled members for interest and availability. P. McGinley was asked to submit an application which he agreed to do noting he would be unable to complete the full two-year term under his present contract.

ADELPHIA CABLE

Adelphia Cable has offered to meet with municipal officers to discuss such issues as the status of the cable system upgrade, locations of live origination points to show municipal meetings on cable access channels; improved high-speed internet access; free cable services for schools and libraries, and other issues of local concern. The Selectboard will schedule a meeting for some time in September.

ROUTE 100 BYPASS UTILITY SLEEVES

Correspondence from Bob Della Santa of VT Agency of Transportation in regard to location of utility sleeves under the Bypass has been received. Such sleeves must be installed during the construction phase; need for such work at a later date will require boring as the Bypass will not be dug up once in place.

As this issue involves the Village Water and Light and Sewer Departments and sites within the village as well as the town, the Selectboard will advise Mr. Della Santa of their interest in placing such sleeves. The locations will be determined following discussion with village officials and consultants. The Town Administrator was authorized to work with Forcier & Aldrich Associates, our previous consultants, for sleeve locations in this area, and not to expend more than $3,000 for their services.

On a motion by Mark Struhsacker, seconded by Shaun Bauer, the Selectboard adjourned the Executive Session at 10:21 pm and resumed the regular meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

On a motion by Mark Struhsacker, seconded by Brian Kellogg, the Selectboard accepted the resignation of Karen Walker. M. A. Wilson was instructed to place an ad for a replacement.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mark Struhsacker, seconded by Brian Kellogg, the Board meeting was adjourned at 10:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted and filed this 23rd day of July 2003

Barbara Adams, Recording Secretary

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

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Minutes Approved Date