TOWN OF MORRISTOWN
SELECTBOARD
MINUTES

DATE: July 13, 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, Marge Miller
OTHERS PRESENT: Jeanne Jewett, Jerry Jewett, Denise Trombley, Jane Barbour, Sara Chauvin, Shirley Stickell, Scott Corse, Rich Furlong, Sam Guy, Pat McCullock, John Compagna, Julia Compagna, Dan Demars.

The Chair opened the meeting of the Board of Health at 6:35 pm. Jeanne & Jerry Jewett were present regarding the septic system of their father Sam Jewett on Bridge Street. Sam did not attend the meeting and Jeanne and Jerry were not willing to speak on his behalf, therefore there was no discussion regarding the septic system. The Board of Health will expect to see Sam Jewett at the July 27, 1998 meeting at 6:30 pm.
The Chair adjourned the meeting of the Board of Health and opened the meeting of the Selectboard at 6:45 pm.

MINUTES: Steve Leach made the motion seconded by Ken Grimes to approve the minutes of the June 29, 1998 meeting. Passed.
PAYROLL/BILLS: Lee made the motion seconded by Steve to approve the payroll ending 7/4/98 in the amount of $25,641.25. Passed. Ken made the motion seconded by Lee to approve the check warrant 98-01 from the Recreation fund in the amount of $1285.25. Passed. Phil made the motion seconded by Ken to approve check warrant 98-01 from the general fund dated 07/02/98 in the amount of $49168.01. Discussion; Brian asked if the bill from Foss Ent. in the amount of $16.10 is a new bill. No, this was previously discussed regarding the tires. Steve asked about the bill from Richard's Auto for the Fire Truck. Wayne stated that the bill is for painting the wheels. Passed. (Lee abstained from voting.) Lee made the motion seconded by Phil to approve check warrant 98-02 from the general fund dated 07/13/98 in the amount of $36,800.60. Passed.

GUESTS: **Nancy Griffith** was scheduled to appear before the Board at 6:45 regarding the sidewalk at the old Tripp House on Upper Main street. Ms. Griffith did not attend the meeting. Steve made the motion seconded by Lee to have Ms. Griffith repair the sidewalk to meet compliance within 30 days. Discussion; Brian disagrees, he feels it would be in the towns best interest to have the Highway Dept. replace the sidewalk. Ken would like to have Ms. Griffith share in the cost. Two board members are in favor of the motion , three are opposed. Opposed. Lee made the motion to approve the Highway Department to repair the sidewalk. Maria is to send Ms. Griffith, certified mail, stating when the sidewalk will be repaired and how long the driveway will be out of use. Ms. Griffith is to pay for any damages to the sidewalk if the driveway is used before the Road Superintendent gives the okay. The motion was seconded by Phil. discussion; Ken asked how the sidewalk will be repaired. Bill stated that he will saw it and then the concrete will be poured. Passed. Steve-opposed.

The members of the **Morristown Planning Commission** were in attendance to discuss the issue of the re-location of the Post Office. Rich Furlong stated that the Post Office is in need of more space which causes the need for the re-location. Keeping the Post Office in the Village is a high priority. The Planning Commission explained to the Board the possibility of building between Ben Franklin's and Caplan's with the possibility of a two level parking garage similar to the one at Barne's and Noble. The Planning Commission believes that the Postal Service is willing to pay off the Municipal over 20 years. Maria is to communicate to John Sullivan of the **USPS** requesting that the Selectboard be involved. Steve asked the Planning Commission if they would like the project to be a town project or private. It seems that either would be okay. The next step is to have open communication regarding this issue.

Shirley Stickell was present to apply to name the private road where she resides. The road was named Manosh road at the last meeting contingent of the approval of all property owners. Mrs. Stickell did not approve. She has an application signed by all property owners agreeing to name the road Stickell Road. Brian made the motion seconded by Lee to approve the naming of the road to Stickell Rd. Discussion; Steve asked if there are any other land owners on that road. Shirley replied that Jean & Art Meade also own property on that road, however they enter their property from Route 100. Passed. Steve-Opposed.

DEPARTMENTS

HIGHWAY: Bill Moulton stated that the Village crew has been mowing grass and cutting brush. Mike Day is currently on vacation. The Police Department had picked up some road signs that had been found and those are being put back up. The Highway Department has been busy on the Garfield road due to the wash outs. Bill asked if he may start getting prices for the vinyl siding for the Town garage. Yes, that money is in the budget. Steve would like Bill to seek local contractors when possible. Mary Ann has the title for the old backhoe so that may now be delivered to the town of Johnson. Bill asked about the ball fields and who will be mowing them. Brian stated that the LSSU notified the town that they are not able to do the mowing this year. Brain is not sure about next year. Regarding the paving bids, Bill has narrowed it down to two. RR Godfrey or Marcelino. There is a $.45 difference per ton. The Board asked if Mr. Godfrey has the equipment for the job. Bill stated that Mr. Godfrey has the equipment although it had been a concern in the past. The Board would like the paving to be down from in town if possible. Lee made the motion seconded by Steve to award the paving to RR Godfrey upon proof of insurance. Discussion; Ken would like Bill to have the discression of changing contractors if the job is not going well. Bill stated that it would be hard to change in the middle of a project. Passed. Lee attended a FEMA seminar this morning regarding possible assistance for certain areas. Lee and Bill will be in contact regarding this issue.

POLICE: Richard submitted to the Board the results of the traffic surveys which were requested. The average speed on Park Street was 35.4 MPH. The Police department will be requesting the State to lower the speed limit on 15A to 35 mph at all times, not just when children are present. The speed limit on Park St. is 25 mph. Lowering the speed on 15A from 50 to 35 will lower the speed of traffic on Park St. On Cottage Street the high speed was 40mph and the low was 20mph. The speed limit is 25 mph. Richard stated that 8 signs are needed to post the limit. For the Stagecoach Road the average speed of vehicles traveling North was 45 mph, traveling South was 42mph. This study shows that there does not seem to be a speed problem on the Stagecoach Rd . The Board will act on the traffic survey at the next meeting. Richard stated that Larry Pecor will be working full time with the States Attorney for the next three months as the Peter's case is being reviewed. The person who cleans the Police station has resigned, therefore Richard will be seeking the name of the company which cleans the Municipal building. Bourne's had been called to check on some plumbing problems. Sweet & Burt has ordered the materials for the air system for the Police station.

FIRE: Wayne stated that the furnace at the station has been cleaned. Wayne requested the purchase of two new air packs. Lee made the motion seconded by Phil to approve the purchase of two air packs. discussion; Brian asked the cost of the packs. Wayne stated the cost is $2500.00 each. Ken made the motion to amend the prior motion to allow Wayne to purchase the air packs not to exceed $2500.00 each. Steve seconded the motion. Passed. Wayne stated that the fireworks went well. Brian asked is towns could combine to purchase the fireworks together to possibly lower the cost. Wayne will check into that. Steve asked why the Fire Dept. is called out when it is not necessary. Richard stated that he believe that it is the policy with certain calls. Richard will look into this along with Lee.

AMBULANCE: Marge Miller asked the Board when the lighting in back of the Ambulance building will be done. Phil stated that he thought it would be done before the 15th of the Month. Jim Paige will resume the Presidency of the Ambulance Dept. as of today. The Ambulance now has three new EMTI's. The Dept. has a 5'x8' flag and is in need of a flagpole. Marge will contact Don Anderson.

OLD BUSINESS

Regarding the proposed ball fields on the Water & Light property on 15A, Brian would like the town to be involved immediately. There should not be a permit issued without the town knowing the intention of the applicant regarding the future maintenance. Maria will send a letter to the DRB stating that. Brian would like the DRB to attend the next Selectboard meeting regarding personnel issues.

Lee stated that the generator parts have been ordered.

NEW BUSINESS

Lee made the motion seconded by Ken to approve Elizabeth Bourne to the Recreation council. Passed.

Steve asked Bill about the status of the sidewalks for Jersey Heights. Bill showed the board some proposed plans submitted from Gary Nolan of the Manosh Corp. Bill would like Gary to check with the Catholic School regarding the crosswalks. The plans show a sign in the middle of the road which Bill does not think is a good idea.

Steve discussed the proposed tower and would like the Selectboard to submit a letter stating the towns approval of the tower. The Board agreed. Maria will work with Steve to draft a letter.

Lee made the motion seconded by Ken to ~~approve the audit by~~ sign the letter to engage R.F. Levine for the FY 98 audit. discussion; Steve asked if anything else should be audited as well. The board feels this audit is sufficient. Passed.

Phil made the motion seconded by Lee to approve the amount of $65 ,226.02 for the 1999 Lamoille County dispatching.