

**TOWN OF MORRISTOWN
SELECTBOARD
MINUTES**

DATE: June 29, 1998

PRESENT: Brian R. Greenia, Chair, Steven G. Leach, Phil Locke, Kenneth E. Grimes, Maria Ward.

DEPARTMENT HEADS PRESENT: Richard Keith, William Moulton, Wayne Canley, Mary Ann Wilson

OTHERS PRESENT: David Godfrey, Al Besser, Gretchen Besser, Lisa Darden, Dave Whitcomb, Betsy Bernhard, Todd Bernhard, Martha Bernhard, George Stern, Norman Redlich, Evelyn Redlich, David Vinick, Sharon Greene, Alan Thorndike, Peter Heller, James Lee, Peter Anderson, Nancy Griffith, Paul Lawson

WARNED PUBLIC REGARDING THE TONELLI AIRSTRIP

The Chair opened the warned public hearing regarding the Tonelli Airstrip at 6:30 pm. Brian made the motion seconded by Lee Sturtevant to rescind the permit that was issued to Mr. Tonelli at the May 18, 1998 Selectboard meeting and to close the public hearing. Steve-NO, Phil-NO, Passed. Brian Greenia apologized on behalf of the Board for the inconvenience imposed upon Mr. Tonelli. The floor is now open to discussion regarding air strips in general. Sharon Green asked if the FAA has an involvement in private air strips. The FAA becomes involved after the local government issues approval for a air strip. Alan Thorndike stated that the FAA is involved along with the State agencies regarding aeronautics. Peter Heller asked what the current zoning requirements are for private air strips. There are currently no requirements in the zoning by-laws, however Brian Greenia requested the Zoning Administrator propose by-laws for that purpose which is currently being drafted at this time. Gretchen Besser asked if adjacent neighbors are required to be notified of such a project. No they do not. Norman Redlich asked if the Planning Commission and the Selectboard are considering the new drafting of a zoning by-law and this application separately. Yes, they are separate. Mr. Heller stated that Vermont currently has no regulations on noise pollution. There is very high traffic at the corners and he is concerned with the noise level. John Tonelli spoke on his behalf regarding the opposition to his air strip. Mr. Tonelli feels that this is unfair. A snow machine or ATV produces more noise than his single engine plane at 50 decibels. There has been no complaints against Mr. Tonelli by the FAA. Mr. Tonelli has 120 acres of land and feels that basically there is nothing to prevent him from landing his plane in his back yard. Al Besser does not feel that noise is a problem but he is concerned with the esthetics and the environment. Todd Bernhard asked how many airstrips are in Lamoille County. There are at least three just in Morrisville, and Johnson. Lisa Darden is a representative of AOPA and stated that the aesthetics of a grass field would not be detrimental, and that the noise of a single engine plane would only be noticeable for two or three minutes. Alan Thorndike stated that the neighbors would be adversely affected, also there should be prior notification. James Lee stated that he is concerned with the aesthetic effects and feels the public airport should be used. Dave Whitcomb of Whitcomb Aviation spoke in support of Mr. Tonelli and his air strip stating that Mr. Tonelli's airplane would have no more effect on that area than the public airport. Gretchen feels that Mr. Tonelli's air strip is not necessary or neighborly.

MINUTES: Lee Sturtevant made the motion seconded by Ken Grimes to approve the minutes of the June 15, 1998 meeting. Passed.

PAYROLL/BILLS: Ken Grimes made the motion seconded by Lee Sturtevant to approve 5 PR dated 6/26/98 in the amount of \$26,948.61, PR 4 dated 6/23/98 in the amount of \$6752.27 and Payroll dated 6/23/98 in the amount of \$23,832.10. Passed. Ken made the motion seconded by Lee to approve the following warrants for bills; 6AP, ML3, ML2, ML12 totaling \$2,785,876.51. Lee Sturtevant abstained. Passed.

GUEST: Nancy Griffith was present to discuss the sidewalk area at the old Tripp House. The sidewalk had been taken out and the driveway was paved and extended through the sidewalk area to the road. Nancy stated that she had a conversation with Bill Moulton regarding a curb cut and she received a permit to do so. The permit does not state what material the sidewalk has to be replaced with, however in the Morristown pavement cut policy it is stated that concrete shall be replaced with concrete. Ms. Griffith submitted pictures of other properties which had similar sidewalk areas. Bill Moulton explained each picture and the reasons that they were not the same situation. Peter Anderson was present to represent Ms. Griffith stated that she had not received a notice of the sidewalk requirements, and that he believes she may own the sidewalk, not the town. Brian Greenia requested an executive session later in the evening to discuss this situation and Ms. Griffith will be notified of the decision.

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HIGHWAY: Six sealed bids were received for the paving. Bill Moulton stated that some bids may not include the trucking and he would evaluate those bids; 1. Pike Industries \$37.41 per ton with an estimated 5025 tons. 2. Dezotelle \$6.00 per ton. 3. Godfrey \$4.00 per ton. 4. GMP \$38.00 per ton. 5. S.T. Paving \$38.50 per ton. 6. A. Marcelino \$37.55 + adjustment.

and the Town of Morristown as negotiated for a 3 year term. Lee abstained. Passed.

Lee made the motion seconded by Phil authorizing the dog catcher to impound and humanely destroy all unlicensed dogs. Passed.

ken made the motion seconded by Lee to adjourn the meeting of the Selectboard at 10:50 pm.

Maria Ward, Scribe
Minutes filed 7/03/98

Brian Greenia, Chair
Minutes not approved