

**TOWN OF MORRISTOWN
SELECTBOARD
MINUTES**

DATE: June 15, 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

OTHERS PRESENT: David Godfrey, Mary Ann Wilson, David Lowe, Jennifer Geary, Deb Fagnant

SELECTBOARD MEETING

MINUTES: Steve Leach made the motion seconded by Ken Grimes to approve the minutes of the June 1, 1998 meeting. Passed.

GUESTS

Deb Fagnant was in attendance on behalf of the Sand Ridge Road Association to apply for a **private road name**. The lot owners on the road have applied for the name of Private Ridges Road. Deb also voiced the concerns of the lot owners regarding the possibility of difficulty of that road being located by the Emergency personnel. The lot owners feel the road name should be associated with Sand Ridge in some way. The Selectboard explained the reasoning for not allowing similar road names. Deb also asked who is to pay for the sign. A private road sign is the land owners responsibility. Bill Moulton stated that the cost of the sign and installation would be approximately \$100.00. Ken Grimes made the motion seconded by Phil Locke to accept the name of Private Ridges Road. Passed.

Carroll Lawrence submitted an application to change the name of Manosh Road to Plane View Road. The application has the signatures of the land owners for approval. Steve Leach made the motion to change Manosh Road to Plane View Road seconded by Ken Grimes. Passed.

It was suggested by the E911 coordinator to name the private road off the Laporte just after the Meade sheep farm. It was suggested to name that road Manosh Road since Howard Manosh owns a large parcel of land there. Brian Greenia made the motion seconded by Steve Leach to name the above mentioned road Manosh Road contingent on the approval of the land owners. Passed.

Jennifer Geary was present on behalf of the Fourth of July Committee. Jennifer proposed a parking ban on Portland Street and Upper Main Street during the parade. The Selectboard asked the Police Chief what it would take to accomplish this request. Richard stated that signage will be needed along with cones and enforcement. The four Board members present all agreed that a parking ban would not be feasible. Jennifer also asked about possibly blocking of Copley Ave. if there is interest in having a flea market craft fair at the triangle near Mander's house. The ban could be from 9:00am - 12:00pm. The Board agreed that would be fine. Jennifer invited the Selectboard to march in the parade.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

POLICE: Richard reported that the department has received about 205 calls, has had 1 detox transport and 7 arrests. There has been a lot of training during the last week. Mike Reeve has returned from a mountain bike course. Mike felt the course was very good. Bill Morley and Eric Dodge will attend at shotgun instruction course. Larry Pecor will be training for the CAD program. The Spring firearms training will be held Friday June 19, 1998.. Richard has postponed the engine swap on the unmarked and the cruiser as the '95 cruiser needed front end repairs. Richard has applied for a grant for a software program for a mug shot system and is waiting for a response. Bill and Eric will receive training on high risk entry at the academy. Ryan Bjerke will attend a community policing symposium in Manchester. Derek Libby will attend a highway and criminal interdiction course.

HEALTH: The State of Vermont has accepted the Towns recommendation for David Godfrey as Health Officer. There was a discussion about the Jewett septic system on Bridge Street. David stated he had not heard from Mr. Jewett since June 1. Maria received a proposal from the H.A. Manosh Corp. for the septic that Jeanne Jewett requested. Brian Greenia stated that 3 bids should be received if they are to seek a loan from the Town. Steve Mayer has receive his certified letter regarding his failed septic system. Dave has inspected a pipe that is running in the back yard at the Louis Ferris residence and he does not feel this is a health issue as of yet. Dave has received many complaints about burn barrels and he will speak with Lee Sturtevant regarding this. The television sets on Village property at the St. Martin residence on Park Street was discussed. It was decided that any action should be taken by the Village trustees and not the Selectboard.

Mary Ann Wilson has recommended that the Zoning Administrator should issue the septic permits since all materials are filed in that office. It would also make the process much easier for the applicant. Brian made the motion seconded by Ken to accept Mary Ann's recommendation. Discussion; Ken Grimes would like Mary Ann to fill in if Ken Sweetser is absent. Passed.

FIRE: Wayne stated that all has been quiet. The aerial will be tested in July or August and the cost will be \$586.00. Wayne would like the sprinkler system flushed and the money is in the budget. Steve made the motion seconded by Ken to authorize Wayne to have the sprinkler system flushed. Passed.

HIGHWAY: Nancy Laidman was scheduled to appear before the Board to discuss the driveway/sidewalk issue at the old Tripp house on Elmore Street. Ms. Laidman has postponed her appearance however Bill Moulton discussed the issue with the Board. Brian Greenia made the motion seconded by Steve Leach to have Maria send a certified letter to Ms. Laidman stating that the sidewalk will have to be in compliance within 10 days of receipt of the letter. Passed. Bill stated that the sidewalk on Maple Street has been fixed. The trimmer that was 12 years old is now out of use for good. Bill will need a new one by July at a cost of about \$300.00. The Oxbow has been plowed, harrowed and seeded. The clean up around the trees is next. Graveling is being done in Mud City. Art is now back to work full time and just needs to be careful of his health. Maria is to check with Mike Patch to make sure the town of Johnson will still buy the backhoe. Bill stated that he is looking for some flat rock.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Mary Ann Wilson sought five bids for the town arbitrage and received three responses. Of the three responses she recommends the Union Bank. Ken Grimes made the motion seconded by Steve Leach to accept the Union Bank. Passed. Steve Leach made the motion seconded by Ken Grimes to invest the town monies with the Union Bank. Passed. Mary Ann received two bids for the vault shelving. Brent Allaire bid \$783.00, and Dick Draper bid \$385.00. Ken Grimes made the motion to have Dick Draper construct and install the vault shelving seconded by Phil Locke. K-yes, B-yes, P-yes, S-no. Passed. The projected year end figures were briefly reviewed with Mary Ann for the Board's consideration. The Selectboard received the requested personnel salary increases for their consideration and will be discussed at the 6/22/98 meeting. Ken Grimes asked Mary Ann about the records preservation. Mary Ann responded that it is on schedule. Steve Leach asked how many volumes there are. Mary Ann responded that there are 114 volumes.

Scott Corse was present and stated that the Village trustees received a letter from AOT regarding the B Street Bridge. Scott has drafted a letter to the AOT stating that the B Street Bridge and all Bypass correspondence should be handled through the Town Selectboard rather than the Village Trustees. Scott stated that he will be in contact with Red Reynolds regarding the bill from the Gould Corp. for the retrofit program. Maria is to call Gould's and explain that the bid amount will be sent tomorrow, however the over bid amount will be discussed at the next meeting. Scott stated that the State of Vermont made an offer for an easement at Green River which the Village refused. Scott has now been authorized to look into avenues of selling the property keeping in mind that the Green River will remain in its natural state. Community awareness of the project will continue through the local press. Steve Leach spoke with Scott regarding a Act 250 meeting that Steve attended regarding the Manosh tower permit. At the meeting it was discussed that the tower will have an adverse affect on the Green River Reservoir. Steve is suggesting that the Village trustees send a letter to the State stating that the tower will not have an adverse affect of the reservoir. Scott will discuss this with the trustees.

Ken Grimes asked if the Library sewer line has been repaired and Bill Moulton stated it has.

Steve made the motion seconded by Phil to award Degrigorio Electric the work to be done at the Ambulance building. Passed.

There has been a request to have benches placed at the Oxbow property. The Board agrees with the request after the Highway Department is finished working around the trees.

SIGN/payroll, bills: Steve made the motion seconded by Ken to approve the check warrant report for the period ending 6/6/98 in the amount of \$22,318.22. Also check warrant report #PR 2 dated 6/10 in the amount of \$2938.46 for payroll transfers. Check Warrant #3 AP in the amount of \$24,935.23 dated 6/15/98 - 6/17/98. Passed. Ken made the motion seconded by Steve to approve PR2 dated 6/9/98 for over payment of taxes in the amount of \$1523.58. Passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Carol Bradley had requested permission to schedule an audit of the town bookkeeping at an expense of \$2500.00. The board agreed.

Julia Compagna submitted a request on behalf of the Park Street community to change the speed limit, put in a children playing sign, and mark the pavement. The Selectboard would like to have the street surveyed as to the volume and speed of traffic, therefore the request is tabled until the results of the survey are complete.

The residents of Cottage Street and Jersey Way have requested a speed limit of 35 MPH on those roads. Jersey Way is a private road therefore it cannot be posted by the town. The Cottage Street request is also tabled until further findings of a traffic survey.

A resident of Mansfield Ave. called to request a child playing and a handicap person sign on that road. Maria is to notify that person that the request will have to be in writing.

Steve Leach asked if the long play recorder could be sold as he knows of someone who is interested in it. The recorder is no longer in use. The Board agrees to sell the recorder.

The bottom field at Oxbow will eventually need mowing. Should this be hired out or done by the Highway Department? Food for thought.