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**TOWN OF MORRISTOWN
SELECTBOARD
MINUTES**

DATE: June 14, 1999

PRESENT: Brian R. Greenia, Chair; Steven G. Leach, Lee Sturtevant, Phil Locke, Donald Anderson, Maria Ward,

DEPARTMENT HEADS: Richard Keith, Bill Moulton, Dave Connelly

OTHERS: Bill Bourne, Jennifer & Bud Geary, Juliette & Ray Boyce, Bill Rossmassler

The Chair opened the meeting of the Selectboard at 6:30 p.m.

GUESTS: Bill Bourne stated that he would like to see a barrier at the **Oxbow property** between the soccer fields and the community garden. It is easy for stray balls to go into the garden and Bill would like to prevent that. Construction fence could be donated, however the Selectboard does not want an orange fence. Bill will check around for something other than orange. Depending on the type of fence it could be erected and dismantled each year.

Bud Geary talked about the **Coaster Car Classic** which will take place on Copley Ave. at 4:30 after the 4th of July parade. This event will be open to children ages 9-12. Bud has asked that any pot-holes be filled in before the event to avoid a liability factor. Bill Moulton will cover the catch basins for the race.

Jennifer Geary updated the Selectboard on the events for the 4th of July. Jennifer also expressed concerns regarding negative feedback she had heard regarding the committee. Jennifer encouraged the Selectboard to call her if they had any questions or comments.

Ray and Juliette Boyce have requested that **Morristown open class III and class IV roads for ATV use**. Ms. Boyce explained the reasons for the request; registration, safety, etc. Brian asked if the roads would have to be identified. Ms. Boyce stated that Wolcott has identified their roads by highlighting them on a map. Ms. Boyce would like to begin an organization similar to VAST which would be a statewide club. Brian asked if there is an age requirement to drive an ATV. You are supposed to be 16 years of age. Lee stated that the intentions of this request are good, however at this time a more unified and larger group should be established. Don stated that many VAST trails are privately owned therefore year round use probably would not be feasible. Brian made the notion seconded by Steve to open the Class III and Class IV roads for ATV use. Discussion; This request is premature at this time. All opposed.

Public Hearing regarding the alteration of TH 60: Brian stated that the DRB has granted a lot size waiver for the alteration of TH 60 (Sterling Valley Rd). Proposals will be mailed out and the project will be advertised by the engineer. The project will be complete by November 1, 1999. The bid opening will be June 28. Don made the motion seconded by Lee to alter town highway 60 for the construction of the new bridge. Passed. Bill stated that a portion of the road will have to be closed during construction.

Bill Rossmassler discussed the possibility of slightly changing the southern gateway of the bypass. As the Village merchants are concerned with the present plan, Bill offered to explore other possibilities with AOT if this would not hinder the project in any way. AOT sent Bill R. a copy of an earlier plan (1980-81). The Selectboard reviewed the plan and it was discussed. Bill Moulton stated that he does not feel that this plan is as good as the present one. Don made the motion seconded by Lee to notify AOT that the earlier version is okay to explore. Discussion; Lee feels that the negatives outweigh the positives of the earlier plan. Bill R. will check with AOT to see if a right turn lane would be possible on the updated plans. SL- yes, BG, LS, PL, DA - no. Opposed. Bill R. also asked the Selectboard if the town would reconsider the approval of a pedestrian underpass at the Bridge Street crossing. No. CREW will be purchasing the land on Bridge St. for their facility. The old road should be deeded to CREW and thrown up by the town. The road was thrown up at one point, however nothing was recorded.

A A REPORT: The AA will be on vacation the week of June 28, and July 5. Thank you!

MINUTES: Don made the motion seconded by Lee to approve the minutes of the June 1, 1999 meeting as presented. Passed.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

HIGHWAY: The Village crew has been painting. Bill has ordered granite curbing for the sidewalk from the Fire Station to Maple St. The truck is now in at Clark's. Don asked Bill why the guard rails have not been fixed at Miller Bridge. Bill stated that he has not received money to do so. Maria will send another bill to the insurance company. Brian asked Bill if the oil in the Municipal parking lot will affect the paving. Bill feels that that portion should be taken out before it is paved. Louis Ferris would like the cost of the parking lot to be a charitable contribution to the town. Maria will check with Carol to see if this would be allowed.

FIRE: Wayne is not available tonight. Lee asked if there has been any feedback regarding the building on Hutchins St. Not as of yet.