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**TOWN OF MORRISTOWN
SELECTBOARD
MINUTES**

DATE: May 19, 1997

PRESENT: Brian R. Greenia, Chair, Steven G. Leach, Philip L. Locke, Kenneth E. Grimes, Lee Sturtevant, Carole D. Kissinger

DEPARTMENT HEADS PRESENT: Bill Moulton, Richard Keith, Wayne Camley, David Godfrey

OTHERS PRESENT: Scott Corse, Amy Kobl Noyes, Tom Germaine, Arjay West, Gary Foote, Frank Huard, Barbara Farr, June Levesque, Sonny Hill, Tom Bjerke, Chris Potter, Bob Lefevre, Gary Nolan, Sam Guy

BOARD OF HEALTH

The Meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 6:30 p.m. due to a request for reconsideration of the approval of the new septic system for LaBlanche. Tom Germaine is concerned about his well that is closer to the new septic system than it was to the older failed system, and he suggested that there were better places where it could have been placed. Arjay West discussed the various criteria that must be examined before a design can be drawn up. Property line is only one of these criteria. Horizontal as well as vertical standards must be met. Gary Foote explained that the new system is balanced in distance between the three wells. It was also said that the new septic system is better designed than the failed system and will give the sewage better treatment than the previous situation. Tom asked the Board of Health what recourse he would have if his water became contaminated some time in the future. Brian explained that the Board does not have the expertise to make a judgement on placement of a septic system and that is why they depend on a State-licensed engineer or on-site technician for their design. Tom said that he already sent a sample of the water from his well to the State to be tested, so he can use that as a starting point. Brian told him that if he finds contamination in the future, he has the right to litigate the property owner as well as the system designers. Tom suggested that in the future, when the situation is "less than perfect" as it is in this case, the neighboring property owners be advised of the hearing for a new septic permit.

SELECTBOARD MEETING

The Chair opened the Selectboard meeting at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES: Steve made the motion, seconded by Lee to approve the minutes of the Board meeting on May 5, 1997 as presented. Passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT'S REPORT

Preliminary analysis of the Delinquent Tax situation shows that there are approximately 277 parcels delinquent amounting to at least \$338,000. Eight percent of that is more than \$27,000. The Town Clerk's Office has 20 days in which to issue the Warrant against the Delinquent Taxpayers and give it to the Delinquent Tax Collector.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

FIRE: Wayne said that there is not much going on at the Fire Station this week. The men have checked the plug on the Viencek property and found that it is dead.

POLICE: Richard reported that the calls are picking up. They received 180 calls and had three detox transports during the past two weeks. This week the Officers are working on a special enforcement of the Child Restraint Law using the end of the SHARP monies. The Police Department is investigating different ways of doing patrol through their community policing initiative. They are looking into the possibility of using a Bike Patrol in the Village and the Plazas. There has been a positive response in the communities where this is being done. Under the Police Block Grant, Richard will be receiving \$460 more and would

the sign that is presently on Route 100 South to see what needs to be done to it. Bill went there with Gloria. He feels that it needs several bolts and some paint to spruce it up. Mulch has been dumped there and Bill received a request for some topsoil. Paul Nesky told the Board that the Rotary volunteered to purchase and put up one of the Welcome signs and that they had requested a design from Tom Bjerke. Brian read the letter that the Board received from Rich Furlong as President of the Rotary, which gave no mention of this. Carole is to write a letter to the Rotary, mentioning the Board's confusion on what the Rotary wants, and asking them to clarify their willingness to get involved in the signage. The Board asked Bill to put the Welcome Signs Project on hold until next meeting. The Recreation Council received a donation of 14 pairs of snowshoes from TUBBS. Recreation has a full plate right now, as they start their summer program June 23 and continue for seven weeks. This year they are offering Family Water Polo. Summer Recreation enrollment is coming up.

The Selectboard asked **CHRIS POTTER** to appear before them so that they could discuss his fencing which seems to be in the Town's right-of-way. Brian received a complaint from a person driving a handicapped van who almost hit a cyclist while trying to avoid a car in the other lane. Chris explained that he put it up to spruce his property up as well as to protect the smaller children who have a tendency to run around near the road. He plans on taking it down in the fall when he closes for winter. Steve said that he thinks that it looks nice, but he personally has a problem with it because the Board has asked others to remove obstacles from the Town's right-of-way. This fence should be treated the same way. Paul wants to put the fence wherever the Board okays it. Brian told him that Chris can put it anywhere on his own property. Finally the board decided to meet with Chris at Munchie's on Thursday night to resolve the issue. Steve wanted to deal with it right now and moved to settle the right-of-way issue at this time. The motion died for want of a second. The Board will meet with the owner at 7 p.m.

BOB LEFEVRE was invited to appear before the Board on several issues. The members expressed their concern about the Lefevre pond near Fontaine Road. They noted that it had not been seeded and that it tilts quite a bit. They fear that if the pond holds much more water, it may take out the Town Road if it starts to wash out. In the discussion that ensued, several suggestions were made as to how the pond could be stabilized. Bill mentioned that Bob moved his rocks and shrubs out of the Town right-of-way on Elmore Mt. Rd. and he thanked him for it. Several members of the Board expressed their thanks also. Bob questioned the Board as to who determines who has to move what out of the Town right-of-way.

GARY NOLAN and **SAM GUY** attended the meeting to discuss several concerns brought before the PC and DRB by concerned citizens. One dealt with the **CROSSWALKS** at Munchie's and near the Funeral Home. The signs are barely noticeable and people are in danger when they try to cross the road along Brooklyn St. Bill told them how he called Worksafe to ask them about getting barrels with a sign on top to place at the crosswalk. They do not recommend barrels because when they are hit, they roll into the other lane of traffic. There are two better options: a sand-filled cone with the sign for \$66.35 and a post with a reflected stripe and sign which would be apoxied to the road. The \$54 post would just bend over and bounce back when hit. Bill isn't sure what would happen to the sign. Bill will look at the signage near the crosswalks. Perhaps one of the signs could be moved out and a larger sign put down further. The Board will try to "solve" the problem on Thursday night when they meet in that area. Another concern brought to the Board was **JUNKYARDS**. The DRB and the PC are looking for a way to clean them up. When the Selectboard found out that the State has inspectors whose job it is to do this sort of thing, they decided that the DRB should pass any complaint that they receive on to the legislative body, who in turn will write to the State asking for their assistance and a reply back in writing. Gary mentioned that LCPC, LEDC, and various other agencies will be moving into the Tegui Building. There is a concern for parking in the Municipal lot and it is felt that better security and more lighting of the property is needed. It was recommended that all the downtown businesses be sent a letter encouraging them to use the Municipal lot after the security issue has been addressed. The Village is responsible for the street lights. The Selectboard will ask the Village Trustees to look into the installation of better lighting along Portland St. and the lot. Another concern brought before the Board by way of a letter from Dr. Kollar was the junk car in his neighborhood. The Police Chief has already spoken with the owner who will be cleaning up that area in the very near future. Gary presented Brian with a copy of an **ACT 250** Application for M. J. Wood Products, Inc. Brian signed that he had received the copy.