

**TOWN OF MORRISTOWN
SELECTBOARD
MINUTES**

DATE: May 17, 1999

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

DEPARTMENT HEADS: Bill Moulton, Richard Keith, Wayne Camley, Mary Ann Wilson, Ken Sweetser

OTHERS: Dan Donza, Dan Demar, Gary Nolan, Gloria Wing

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

GUESTS: Mary Ann and Gloria were present to discuss the **Village taxes**. Mary Ann explained the responsibilities and the benefits of having the Village taxes billed and collected by the Town. Steve asked if Mary Ann's salary would be affected by this change. Mary Ann said no. Steve asked how a Town Delinquent Tax Collector could collect delinquent taxes for the Village if the Village has an appointed collector. Mary Ann will check into the legality of the matter and request a response writing. Don made the motion seconded by Phil to have the Town collect the Delinquent taxes of the Village for a fee of \$500.00 plus any implementation costs. Discussion; Brian feels this fee is too low. Steve feels the motion is premature. D PL, LS - in favor and SL, BG - opposed. Motion passed.

Dan Donza was present to discuss the **re-alignment of Sterling Valley Rd.** which would consume 1/10th of an acre of his property. Mr. Donza wants confirmation from the Town that in the future if his children would like to sub-divide the property that they will be able to. Bill Moulton reviewed the map with Mr. Donza and a copy of that map will be forwarded to him. Later in the meeting Ken Sweetser stated that property size is determined from the edge of the right of way, not the center of the road, for subdivision purposes. Steve Leach feels that this is ridiculous! Ken will submit an application for a review of this case for the 6/10 DRB meeting. Don will meet with Ken in the morning regarding the land measurements.

A A REPORT: The Union Bank has requested a handicapped parking space along Main Street. Don made the motion seconded by Phil to approve a handicapped parking space to be located in front of the Union Bank. The Union Bank is to pay for the sign. Passed. LS- Opposed. The May 31 Selectboard meeting will be changed to Tuesday June 1, 1999.

MINUTES: Don made the motion seconded by Lee to approve the minutes of the 5/3/99 meeting. Passed.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

HIGHWAY: The Village crew is painting the parking spaces and crosswalks, mowing and has delivered 500 yards of topsoil to the cemetery. The Town crew has been putting up sand and will begin chloriding May 18. The Cemetery Association has requested the Highway Dept. to remove trash that has been collected at the Morristown Corners Cemetery. The Board agreed with the request. During the Highway report there was a discussion as to whether the Farmer's Market is in need of a Vendor's Permit. Don looked up the Town Ordinances regarding this. A permit is not needed for agricultural sales.

FIRE: The burning of the Raymo house on Route 15 was very successful and allowed much practice for the Fire Dept.

POLICE: Richard reported that the building on Hutchins St. is indeed insecure. Richard spoke with the owner and has been assured it will be secured. Richard will re-check the situation. The Chief attended the Chief's Command College at the Academy last week. The Dept. has received 220 calls with 2 detox transports. Eric Dodge is in Colchester for an investigation course. The Expedition will be in the Montpelier parade. Lee made the motion seconded by Steve to enter into a contract with Government Leasing Co. for a 1999 Ford Expedition which should be ready for delivery around July 1, 1999. Discussion; Steve asked how much will be left in that line item after this expense. Richard stated \$3,000.00. Passed. Don made the motion seconded by Lee to appoint Nick Rowe as part time patrol at \$9.00 per hour. Passed. Don made the motion seconded by Steve to allow a purchase of a spare hand gun in the amount of \$575.00. Passed. Lee asked Richard about the purchase of polaroid film as we are now equipped with a digital camera. Richard stated that polaroids are still being used for domestic violence.

RESCUE: There is no report from the Rescue Dept., however Lee stated that he will be attending their Board meeting.

HEALTH: Brian informed David that there was a question as to whether the Health Officer is readily available. David said he is available. David has checked the last complaint regarding the Dexter Rich property stating there was a violation which should be corrected. The biggest problem seems to be a landlord tenant dispute. David has also checked on complaints regarding rubbish and one regarding a horse.