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**TOWN OF MORRISTOWN
SELECTBOARD
MINUTES**

DATE: May 5, 1997

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Scott Corse, Chuck Wolff, Marci Towns, Peter Jensvold, Amy Kobl Noyes

SELECTBOARD MEETING

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

MINUTES: Steve made the motion, seconded by Lee to approve the minutes of the Board meeting on April 21, 1997 and April 28, 1997 as presented. Passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT'S REPORT

There will be a **WELLNESS CHALLENGE** for the Town employees again this summer. The Board approved the expenditure of \$200 to be offered as incentive prizes.

The Selectboard will hold meetings at the other Town buildings this summer. They would also like to conduct a Walk Through of the Cemeteries, starting with Pleasant View. Arrangements will be made for George Huard's escort.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

FIRE: Wayne reported that on last Thursday night during the tremendous thunderstorm, the classroom at the Fire Station leaked like a sieve along one of the sections of roof that abuts another section. The building also lost various pieces of siding. Jeff Hill was called in today and gave them an estimate of \$190 for the labor and materials needed to fix the problems. There is also a problem with the front door frame. Wayne can purchase a new one for \$90, but getting the firm from outside the area will cost another \$400. He would like to have Jeff give him an estimate for that installation also, and get the whole thing done locally. The Fire Department also needs to purchase more foam, and money is in their budget for it. In answer to a question from Lee, Wayne said that they use two different types of foam at the present time.

HEALTH: The problem at Virginia Chung's parking lot has been taken care of. The pump has been cleaned and repaired. The septic system was pumped twice. The Town will send the bill they received to the owner of the property. There is another **FAILED SEPTIC SYSTEM** on the LaBranche house on Laporte Rd. It is a .3 acre lot and there is no way to place the septic system 100 feet from the well(s). Since this was a matter for the Board of Health, Steve moved that the Selectboard meeting be recessed and that the Board of Health would come to order. Lee seconded the motion and it passed.

BOARD OF HEALTH

David showed the plan for a new septic system as it was drawn up by Valley Design of Johnson (Cert.#404). With the size of the property and the positioning of the LaBranche well and the wells of two neighbors, there isn't much room to maneuver. In the end, Lee moved to allow the redesign as drawn by Valley Design to replace the failed system. Steve seconded the motion. Several of the Board members suggested moving the new septic system, but Brian said he did not want to second guess the engineer's design. Passed. N-P, A-K.

HIGHWAY: In the Village, the men have been sweeping, cleaning plows, etc. The paint is in and they will start painting the crosswalks and parking spaces. They finished the last truck body Friday and have to get two more bearings to fix the sand screen so they can set it back up. In the Town, Bill ordered bags of **CHLORIDE** at \$288 a ton delivered. He still hasn't ordered the liquid chloride which will cost \$.67 a gal. He plans to start using it around May 28. Trees need to be cut at the pit to make room for taking out gravel. The employees have cleaned up in front of the bandshell, and replanted most of the sod that was dug up in the Town. Bill had to buy a new water heater (50 gal.) from Bourne for the Town Garage. It cost \$1320.85. He compared estimates

the sign on Laporte Rd. and see what he can do.

GUESTS

CHUCK WOLFF was on hand to discuss the request from the Catholic School to change the speed limit on Laporte Road near their school. He wanted the Board to be aware in particular of the number of accidents at the intersection where Morristown Corners Rd. and Cadys Falls Rd. meet Route 100. It has the second highest rate in the area according to the survey put out by the VAOT. The first is here in Town. Chuck suggested that the Board look at the way the speed limit signs are placed and move the 50 mph. sign back about 100 yds., bringing the rest of the reduced signs in line with that. Brian asked Richard to have the Police read the report and investigate the issue to see if it is a local concern that should be directed to the State for resolution. Steve pointed out that there is a problem with most of the state signage from Morristown to Waterbury. There may or may not be an even greater problem when the Bypass construction is complete. The Board decided to table the school's request for contacting AOT until Richard's study is done. They will wait for his recommendation.

PETER JENSVOLD bought the Ron Terrill property at the end of W. High St. The Highway Department trimmed the trees on his hill across from the spring. He came to the Board to ask that the men not mow it this year. He asked that the money that would be saved from mowing be used to add shrubs on the Rt. 100 side of the hill and trees at the top. Steve was against buying trees as he said that the men would be used elsewhere if they weren't mowing, so there really wasn't any money for that purchase. Bill explained that the men have been mowing that hill for at least the last 18 years, and even before he started working at the Highway Department. Bill and Pete discussed the street length (316 ft.) and width. If no width is given, Bill said that it is usually considered a two-rod road, which makes it 25 ft from the center of the road. Pete asked Bill not to mow an area at the end of the road where he is landscaping it. Bill agreed and apologized to Pete for the misunderstanding concerning the cutting of trees and mowing the area. The Board said that they will let the area go unmowed for a year and it can be revisited again next year if need be.

The Green Up Chairperson **MARCI TOWNS** reported that the day went well. The volunteers hit a lot, but they also missed a lot too. As far as she knows, it didn't cost the Town anything yet. There are still some bags and tires to be disposed of and the Board asked Bill to take care of it. Marci suggested taking them to Foss'. The main reason that Marci was at the meeting was to ask the Board what they can do about the illegal dumping that occurred between the two bridges within hours of the area being cleaned on Green Up Day. She was able to get the license # of the truck leaving the area. Richard will investigate the incident. Marci suggested digging a ditch at the side of the road instead of building the area up, but the Board was concerned about the liability factor. Brian said that he received a request from the Cemetery Association to place a large rock in the backup extension of the turnoff area at the Cemetery near Marci's. Scott said that W&L has some old poles that could be used in the area which was identified as W&L property. Marci and Bill will get together to view the situation. Scott will also get involved. Marci's letter is ready for publication and Amy will be writing up an article. There were two suggestions for next year: hold the dumpster for another half day, and plan on a raindate so that if the weather is not good, Clean Up could be done on another day.

NEW BUSINESS

Information on the **PICNIC AREA** on Laporte Road was researched by various Town personnel. There is no record of any deed in the Town Clerk's office. Doris Stancliff said that her father gave it to the Grange to be used as a picnic area many years ago, but that a deed was never given to the Grange nor the Town. Steve spoke with Ron Stancliff about it and found that the deed had been drawn up, but was never executed. At that time, the Selectboard was willing to accept the property, but now a majority of the Board is not interested in this property. Both Brian and Phil said that they would like to see it cleaned up and owned by the Town. This information should be relayed to Gail Coulliard who is seeking it.

According to the Town's Personnel Policy, Morristown observes **MEMORIAL DAY** on May 30, 1997. The Schools, Banks, Federal Offices and local businesses have their observance on the last Monday in May, May 26, while the State still honors May 30. This year the Board is in accord that the Town will observe the Holiday on May 26. This policy change will be addressed in the New Personnel Policy. All Department Heads will be advised.

Gary Nolan on behalf of the Development Review Board wrote the Selectboard a letter to address **CONCERNS** that have been brought to their attention. One issue is the problem of people **SELLING NUMEROUS**