TOWN OF MORRISTOWN
SELECTBOARD
MINUTES

DATE: May 4, 1998
PRESENT: Brian R. Greenia, Chair, Steven G. Leach, Phil Locke, Lee Sturtevant, Kenneth E. Grimes, Maria Ward.
DEPARTMENT HEADS PRESENT: Richard Keith, Wayne Camley, William Moulton, David Connelly
OTHERS PRESENT: Scott Corse, Bill Rossmassler, Bob Shattuck, Don Rich, Bob Della Santa, Gloria Wing, Barb Farr, Joie Marshall, Senator Susan Bartlett, Ken Sweetser, Tom Bjerke, Gary Nolan, Barb Grimes, Emily Wadhams, Bill McCullough, Amy Noyes, Phil Kiely, Susan Lucas,

SELECTBOARD MEETING

The Chair opened the Selectboard meeting in the Municipal Conference Room at 6:30 p.m.

GUESTS

The Agency of Transportation was in attendance to discuss the future Morristown Bypass. Bob Shattuck issued a progress report stating what progress had taken place since November of 1977. Mr. Shattuck also explained and discussed the three alternatives to have access to the power plant. Alternative #3 involves the B Street bridge. The B Street bridge is a Historic Bridge therefore considerations have to be made. Bill Moulton asked the AOT about a design that has already been drafted for the B Street Bridge. The AOT did not have knowledge that a new bridge had been fully designed and would have to look into that. Gloria Wing stated that if a concrete bridge has already been designed why is the AOT trying to design a new one. Senator Bartlett stated that she would look into that and report back to Barb Farr. Ken Sweetser stated that if concrete bridge with guard rails is already designed could mock trusses be placed on the bridge for esthetic purposes. Brian Greenia asked who would be responsible for the financial portion of Alternative #3. The AOT was not prepared to speak about that, but will get back to him with an answer. The AOT will be in contact with Scott Corse regarding the B Street Bridge and Water & Light. Barb Farr had questions about the residents on the West side of the bypass and what could be done for pedestrian access. Barb also brought up the fact of the Catholic School to start construction this Summer and the possibility of a pedestrian access to the School. Bob Shattuck stated that Bill Rossmassler has really been a driving force behind the bypass with his communication with the AOT.

Tom Bjerke and Gary Nolan were in attendance to discuss the proposed Baseball fields on the Water & Light property near Tenney Bridge. Scott Corse stated that the Water & Light Board. has granted permission for the use of the land for the ball fields and the Board supports the project . The Municipal Impact Statement will need to be signed for the ACT 250 process. There will probably be two phases to the project. The first phase will be to get the baseball fields usable, the second phase will be for the concession stands, leach field, and restrooms. Tom and Gary presented a clear and detailed diagram of the project. Brian Greenia asked if the Baseball fields will be a future Recreation facility. Tom stated that is an option and would have much potential.

Barb Farr and Joie Marshall were available to discuss the possibility of the Cole house for a teen center. The Recreation Committee is still considering possible sites for the Summer Recreation program and for the skating rink. The school construction is the reason for needing another site for the Summer program immediately. Lee Sturtevant suggested the possible use of existing sites. Joie stated that the Rec. program can use the fields and trail at school, but they will have no inside facility. Brian Greenia discussed the two projects being considered by the Recreation and asked if the Committee could handle that at the same time. Barb and Joie stated they have some very committed members who are on task, and the most immediate considerations will be the Recreation program and the skating rink. Dr. Kiely was in attendance and stated that he is not in favor of having the skating rink at the triangle near Mander's. His opinion is that there is not a lot of green space in the Village and trees would have to be removed. The Recreation Committee would like the Selectboard to attend the next Recreation Facility meeting May 13. Ken Grimes stated that he would like to see the projects consolidated.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

HIGHWAY: Bill Moulton stated the Village will finish sweeping this week and will then begin painting the crosswalks and spaces and then onto the Oxbow property. The private street signs are up now and there are a few corrections to be made. Bill stated he has some fencing that could be put up at the Oxbow property to keep the balls out of the garden area. The fencing will be removed for Winter and will be the responsibility of the Garden Committee.

The Town has been graveling roads this week. Bill spoke with Grappone's regarding the backhoe which was to be traded in for the new one. The backhoe has not been committed to anyone, therefore it is available for the Town of Johnson. Steve Leach would like to see delivery of the backhoe before July 1 if that is possible. Roland will be out for two weeks and Dave is on jury duty. Art will be back at the end of the month, and will start back on a part-time basis. Bill stated that he may have to consider hiring a Summer employee.

POLICE: Richard stated the Police Department has been busy. Over 200 call have been received. Richard is seeking bids for a new air system. VT. Mechanical declined to bid. Chuck's Ventilation has submitted a bid and a bid is expected from R.J.Cadieux. Richard discussed the DART response team which is a statewide program to control under age drinking. Up to 20 officers could be activated to disband parties in Lamoille County. This is a mutual aid type program for Lamoille County and grant money is available. Richard asked if the Board would endorse this program. Steve Leach asked about staffing concerns if Morristown would be short handed and the cost impact. The grant is $250,000.00 statewide and Richard feels this program could be beneficial. Does the Board support the program? L.S. yes, PL yes, SL no, BG yes, KG yes. Ken Grimes asked if all the electrical work had been done at the Police Department. No.

FIRE: Wayne stated that all has been quiet. The level 4 class is complete and the test will be taken next. Lee asked Wayne about purchasing the paper products locally to avoid shipping and handling. Wayne thought the products were less expensive even with the shipping & handling, but he will find out.

AMBULANCE: Dave Connelly was available to discuss EMS week which is 5/18 - 5/23, 1998. George Cook will have a daily quiz on WLVB to promote public awareness. There will be an open house at the Ambulance building 5/24 from 2:00 - 4:00. The Ambulance vehicle was recently serviced. Dave also stated they would like a flagpole at the Ambulance building. The Board agreed that would be fine as long as it is not in the way of the plow trucks. Dave said the building is being used a lot (classes, meetings, etc.) which is increasing the janitorial fees. Steve Leach stated that the phone bill is high, Dave took a copy of the bill and will look into it. Ken Grimes asked if there are usage guidelines for the building. yes. Brian stated he had received calls concerning the building being used by the Copley nurses. Susan Lucas stated they were given permission. Lee asked if the cleaning could be done in house instead of hiring it out. Dave stated that didn't work well.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT: Scott Corse stated the shades for the street lights are being used at the Oxbow property lights. Chris Ransom is working on a lower cost prototype.

Steve made the motion seconded by Lee to have Maria compose a letter to the Gould Corp. to ask them to finish the retrofit program by June 30, 1998 and ask him to advise us of anything on back-order. Passed

OLD BUSINESS

Phil Locke received a letter from the Gould Corp. regarding the lighting at the Ambulance building. Phil will be talking with Brian about the letter.

NEW BUSINESS

PEBSCO deferred benefit plan has been offered to Morristown municipal employees. There are two employees currently interested in the plan. Lee Sturtevant made the motion to allow PEBSCO to the employees. There was no second.

Susan Lucas was in attendance to ask permission to hold a public rally to begin at the Graded building and end at Copley Hospital from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Steve asked Richard how many extra officers will be needed. Richard thought about three additional may be necessary. Steve asked if they would be using the road and Susan said they plan on using only the sidewalk. Ken asked about the cost to the town and Richard thought about $200.00. Phil asked if they could be stopped. Richard said not if they use the sidewalk. Does the Board agree. L.S. yes, PL yes, BG yes, SL yes, KG yes. Brian stated the Town does not support nor oppose the Nurse's strike. Lee stated he received calls concerning the picketing on route 15 and that it caused confusion.

Steve Leach made the motion seconded by Lee Sturtevant to sign the contract between the Town of Morristown and Sterling Memorials to maintain the seven cemeteries and the Library. Passed.

Steve Leach made the motion to move the B Street Bridge because it is a safety hazard. Discussion; Steve feels this historic bridge will cause a potential standstill for the Bypass. Brian disagrees. Ken Grimes abstained from voting. Brian no, Lee no, Phil no.

Lee discussed Firetech checking the sprinkler system at the Fire station. The system needs to be flushed. Lee will check into the cost which will be $1408.00.

WARRANTS: Steve Leach made a motion, seconded by Lee Sturtevant to approve payroll check warrant for the period ending 04/25/98 in the amount of $22,682.44, also to approve check warrant #4AP dated 04/29/98 in the amount of $4591.32 from (02) general fund, check warrant ML 10 Manual/Direct pays from checking account 02 General fund dated 04/01/98 to 04/30/98. #1 AP dated 5/4/98 in the amount of $55,257.90 from the general fund (02). Ken Grimes made the motion seconded by Phil Locke to transfer $4865.00 into the MED DED acct. from the general fund for the first half of 1998. Passed.

Ken Grimes made the motion seconded by Lee Sturtevant to adjourn the Selectboard meeting at 9:40pm.

LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSIONERS

The Chair opened the meeting of the Liquor Control Commissioners at 9:40pm. Lee Sturtevant made the motion seconded by Steve Leach to approve the outside consumption lisence for the Morrisville VFW. Passed. Steve Leach made the motion seconded by Ken Grimes to adjourn the meeting of the Liquor Control Commissioners at 9:41pm. Passed

MINUTES: Steve Leach made the motion seconded by Phil Locke to approve the minutes of the Board meeting on April 20, 1998 as presented. Discussion; Lee Sturtevant stated that the old radio at the Fire Station will be used as a trade-in and not kept at the station. Ken Grimes clarified that Carol Bradley's hours had been passed. Passed.

Future Agenda: May 18 Public Hearing Regional approval of town plan at 6:45
Personnel Policies at 7:30

Maria Ward, Scribe
Minutes filed 05/07/98

Brian R. Greenia, Chair
Minutes not approved