

**TOWN OF MORRISTOWN
SELECTBOARD
MINUTES**

DATE: May 3, 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, Lynn Miller, Bud Geary

OTHERS: Bob Shannon, Charles Emers, Jared Thompson, Joie Marshall, Jonathan Geary, Jeremy Allaire

The Chair opened the meeting of the Selectboard at 6:01 p.m.

GUESTS: Joie Marshall was present to discuss events of the **Recreation committee**. The skating rink at the triangle was a success. There were a few glitches which have been addressed. There does not seem to be a need to pave the area for future use of the skating rink. The Selectboard expressed their wishes to keep the use of the triangle seasonal (skating only). There was discussion regarding the Community Garden and if they should be categorized under the Recreation committee. Joie expressed that the Rec. Committee feels the Community Garden should be separate. The Selectboard decided that the Garden committee shall be separate from the Rec. committee with all financial aspects proposed before the Selectboard.

Charles Emers was present to discuss the Morrisville Farmer's Market. The market is looking for a new location as the present location near McDonald's is no longer possible. The Oxbow property is the proposed new location. The market is open on Saturday morning 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m from May 22 - October 23. There are usually 13 - 15 vendors present. Lee asked if anyone is in charge of the clean up. Mr. Emers oversees the clean up at the end of the day, and the market provides trash barrels.

Soccer games take place at the Oxbow on Saturday morning therefore Mr. Emers will contact Jim Eisenhardt regarding a parking location not to interfere with soccer. The Farmers Market will provide a port-o-let for the season. The Selectboard is in favor of the Farmer's Market at the Oxbow.

Bob Shannon was present to discuss the Oxbow property regarding a boat access. Mr. Shannon owns Fly Fish Vermont and provides a guide service. In the past Mr. Shannon would pull his boat up to the field, however this is no longer possible with the boulders that have been placed there. Mr. Shannon is open to suggestions as to where or how he would be able to pull his boat out at that location. Bill Moulton suggested he contact Ken Harvey who is the owner of the field on the other side of the river.

A A REPORT: The conference room should be painted by May 12 with the carpeting to begin May 14. Mike Barbour is not available to do the releasing of the Apple trees therefore Maria will contact John St. Onge for a recommendation. The health complaints received from an apartment resident on Route 12 will be forwarded to the State Health Dept.

Don made the motion seconded by Lee to suspend the Selectboard meeting to meet at as the **Board of the Liquor Control** at 6:25 p.m. Passed. Don made the motion seconded by Steve to approve the liquor & tobacco license of the Morrisville Beverage Store be moved to the location of Tomlinson's building on Bridge St. Passed. Don made the motion seconded by Phil to close the meeting of the Liquor Control Board and resume the meeting of the Selectboard at 6:29 p.m. Passed.

MINUTES: Steve made the motion seconded by Phil to approve the minutes of the 4/19/99 meeting. Passed. BG-abstain

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

HIGHWAY: The Village crew has completed the **walking path at the Oxbow**. Mike has mowed the soccer field and will keep track of the time involved. The sweeper is broke down but should be fixed shortly with a new motor. The crosswalks will be painted this week. The Town crew has graveled Long Branch Circle and is in the process of graveling Magoon Road. As the roads are very dry Bill would like to begin chloriding sooner than normal. Regarding the truck bids which were opened at the last meeting, Bill is recommending to accept the bid from Fairfield's. The bid is slightly higher, however buying local will save the bid overrun in time spent traveling for repairs. Steve made the motion to accept the **bid from Fairfield's** seconded by Don.

Passed. Brian read a letter received regarding high dust levels on the Walton Road. The Selectboard agrees that the sodium chloride should be spread early this year, however Bill is to begin with his normal route not giving preference to any individual. Bill stated that the permits are in for the **Sterling Bridge**. Don has been working with Richard Sargent on the acquisition of 1/10 ac. of land owned by Dan Donza. Mr. Donza's land has been surveyed and Mr. Sargent will draft a letter stating that Mr. Donza will not lose any land. Mr. Donza's main concern is his ability for future subdivision. Don also stated that he did check into placing the highway truck in the auction. After discussion the Board agreed to trade the vehicle towards the new one. Steve made the motion seconded by Lee to sign the request for the remaining \$2,840.00 from FEMA for the Garfield Rd. Bridge.

Passed. There is an infrastructure meeting at LCPC 5/20/99 which Bill will attend. Lee stated that he is very pleased with the walking path. Thank you! The bench to be dedicated to Alex Lamb will be placed next to the Copley Memorial.

FIRE: The burning of the Raymo house has been suspended until we get RAIN! possibly 5/16/99.

POLICE: Richard stated that they have received approximately 220 calls with 2 detox transports. Eric Dodge will be at the Academy for training for 4 days. The DARE graduation is scheduled for 5/20 at 7:00 p.m. The PD has received the new bicycle

and the new radar. The firearms training will be 6/8/99. Beginning next week Richard will be at the Academy for a Chiefs Command College. He will place Larry Pecor in charge.

RESCUE: Bud Geary stated that the Rescue Dept. is working on the 25th Anniversary of the Dept. and they may have the celebration 7/4/2000. The ECA course is now half way complete. The EMS conference in April had a large attendance. EMS week is the 3rd week in May, they are planning on radio promotions during the week. The Department is currently trying out a new stretcher. If they decided to purchase the cost would be \$2100.00 which will come out of the 99/00 budget.

GENERAL GOVT: Mary Ann stated that it is a State Statute to post the vacancy in the Listers office. Mary Ann drafted a notice which will be posted. Thank you.

NEW BUSINESS: Wayne Camley asked about the vacant building on Hutchins St. This could be a hazard if a fire was to happen there. Richard will contact the owner and check the property to make sure it is secure. Maria will check the ordinances regarding condemned buildings.

OLD BUSINESS: Lee made the motion seconded by Phil to renew the Centrix (Bell Atlantic) contract. Passed. SL-opposed. Mary Ann discussed the **Village Tax**. She is proposing the Village tax be billed on the same statement as the Town tax. The town would therefore collect the tax and the delinquencies. Steve made the motion seconded by Don to allow Mary Ann to process the tax bills. discussion; the Village trustees will attend the next meeting for further discussion regarding fees etc. Passed. Lee made the motion seconded by Don to sign the amended VCDP abstract application. Passed. SL-abstain.

Don made the motion seconded by Lee to accept the resignation of Richard Abare. Passed. BG-opposed. The **vacant position in the Lister's office** will be placed in the News & Citizen. Don made the motion seconded by Steve to sign the Municipal Impact Statement for O'Neal Demars Self Storage on Munson Ave. discussion; Lee stated that this could contribute the water problem in that area. Passed. Lee made the motion seconded by Phil to authorize the purchase of 4 Indian pumps for the Fire Dept. in the amount of \$336.04. Passed. Lee is to receive the check as he will apply for partial reimbursement.

PAYROLL/BILLS: Lee made the motion seconded by Don to approve Warrant 99-16 in the amount of \$32,700.21, 99-15 in the amount of \$6,007.93, and ML10 in the amount of \$24,536.47. Passed. Steve made the motion seconded by Don to approve the payroll ending 4/24/99 in the amount of \$24,526.47. Passed.

Don made the motion seconded by Lee to suspend the meeting of the Selectboard and enter into an executive session to discuss personnel issues at 8:34 p.m. Discussion; Gary Nolan and Maria Ward are to remain in the meeting. Passed.

Don made the motion seconded by Lee to adjourn the executive session and re-enter the meeting of the Selectboard at 9:21 p.m. Passed. Don made the motion seconded by Steve to have the Zoning Administrator respond to the Selectboard in writing regarding the complaints brought forward. The response should be received before the 5/17/99 meeting. Passed.

Lee made the motion seconded by Don to adjourn the meeting of the Selectboard at 9:23 pm. Passed.

Maria Ward, Scribe
Minutes filed 05/03/99

Brian Greenia, Chair
Minutes not approved

