

**TOWN OF MORRISTOWN
SELECTBOARD
MINUTES**

DATE: April 27, 1998

PRESENT: Brian Greenia, Chair, Lee Sturtevant, Ken Grimes, Steven Leach, Maria Ward

BOARD OF HEALTH: David Godfrey

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Ken Sweetser

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT: William Moulton

GUEST: Michael Patch

PUBLIC HEARING: AMENDED AND PROPOSED SEWAGE ORDINANCE

The Warned Public Hearing was opened by the Selectboard Chair at 7:00 pm. The warning for the Public Hearing was published in the News & Citizen and posted at the Town Clerk's Office, the Post Office, Ames, Grand Union, Price Chopper, and Kinney Drugs.

Steve Leach asked about section 3520 Change of Use and the wording of Sewage Officer which is a new addition. Dave Godfrey stated that the State of Vermont requires each town to have a Sewage Officer. Steve also asked Ken Sweetser how many new septic systems are put in each year. Ken stated that about 35 systems are put in each year. Some years there are more and some years less, but he feels 35 is a real close average. Dave Godfrey stated that the Sewage Officer for the town would have to go to the construction site to actually see the septic system before it is covered. Ken Grimes is concerned about the liability factor of a town official signing off on a document. He feels the Sewage Officer should be a professional. Steve Leach is concerned about the down time at a construction site if a sewage officer is required to see the system before it is covered. Lee Sturtevant feels that if the Design Engineer is signing along with the contractor why should a town official also have to sign. The Selectboard discussed the consequences of not adopting the Sewer ordinances. The outcome will be having no regulations which is unacceptable.

After much discussion it was decided to strike section 4200 DESIGN REVIEW, to re-word Sewage Officer to Sewage Officer/Administrative Officer in section 4500 CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE, also to add Board of Health along with Sewage Officer to determine a reasonable time. Section 4710 REVOCATION OF PERMITS, the wording Board of Health was added. Lee Sturtevant made the motion seconded by Brian Greenia to approve the Sewage Ordinance for the Town of Morristown as amended with corrections. Passed. The ordinance will be mailed by registered mail to the State of Vermont.

At 8:05pm the regular Selectboard meeting resumed. Mike patch, representative for the town of Johnson was available to propose that Johnson may be interested in purchasing Morristown's backhoe that is being replaced with a new one from Grappone. Bill Moulton stated he will need to receive notification from