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MORRISTOWN

SELECTBOARD MEETING OF APRIL 25, 2005

Members Present:	Shaun Bryer; Chair, James Paige, Cathy Voyer, Brian Kellogg, Steve Bousquet
Department Heads:	Francis Taginski; TA, Chief Richard Keith, Carol Bradley, Mary Ann Wilson;
Guests:	Gloria Wing, Amy Noyes, Lee Sturtevant, Todd Yandow, Buckwheat, Tina Tomlinson, Barbara Damon, Attorney Dick Sergeant, Linda Livingstone, Frank Huard Jr., Marci Young, John Bouer, Sondra Sanborn, David Sanborn, Aimee Kelley, John Fitzgerald.

Chair Shaun Bryer called the Copley Trust Board to order at 5:59 PM at the Morrisville Water & Light Facility.

COPLEY TRUST BOARD:

GUESTS

Linda Livingstone: Presented an introduction to the Merchants Trust Company. Gave explanations and recommendations for both the Trust and the Income Account. Advised the Board on making sure to give money away from the Income account in order to keep their "Tax Exempt" status. Also advised the Board to give the bank notice regarding withdrawal of funds so that they are better able to watch the market and take out when it is most favorable. Discussion was held regarding amount that should always remain in the trust as well as investment of funds and when should this be re-visited each year.

On a motion by Cathy Voyer, seconded by Brian Kellogg, the Board agreed to continue to invest they way they are currently Motion passed unanimously.

On a motion by Gloria Wing, seconded by Brian Kellogg, the Board agreed to have the Trust remain at One Million Sixty Five Thousand Dollars ($1,065,000.00) for the long term acount with anything above that amount to be moved into the Income Account and to review the status of the accounts every six months on or about June 30 and December 30 each year. Motion passed unanimously.

Gloria Wing gave a short update on the Pleasant View Cemetery Waterworks project funded by the trust and said it will happen this year.

On a motion by Gloria Wing, seconded by Jim Paige the Board adjourned from Copley Trust. Motion passed unanimously.

Shaun Bryer; Chair called the regular Select Board meeting to order at 6:36 PM at the Morrisville Water & Light Facility.

GUESTS

Lee Sturtevant: Lee asked the Board for $5,000 on behalf of the Pleasant View Cemetery Association for the purchase of a tractor. He stated this would be a loan. Gloria Wing also stated that Rudy Loyola has agreed to raise the money for them however the need for tractor is immediate and Rudy could take a few weeks to come through. The idea of Municipal Leasing was briefly discussed and not a plausible option. The suggestion of figuring out a way to increase fees so the Association would have a better source of income in place was also brought up for discussion.

On a motion by Cathy Voyer, seconded by Brian Kellogg, the Board agreed to loan the Pleasant View Cemetery Association $5,000 with the expectation of repayment. Discussion was held as to time-frame allotment and the Board agreed to a 2 Year Note to be drawn up by Tag and Carol. They also encouraged the Association to work on Organization and report at next meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Frank Huard Jr.: Came to the address the Board seeking clarity of the Policy on overweight vehicles on town roads. Tag explained the operating procedure on town roads. After some discussion the Board agreed that a policy needs to be clarified in the public.

OLD BUSINESS

MINUTES:

On a motion by Steve Bousquet, seconded by Cathy Voyer, the Board accepted the Minutes of April 11th as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

LIQUOR LICENSES: No liquor license applications or renewals were presented.

POLICE UNION GRIEVANCE: Tag explained to the Board the need to set a date for the Grievance Hearing. After discussion they Board agreed to hold the hearing on Monday May 2nd at 6:30 PM at the Morrisville Water & Light Facility as long as it is available. Lisa will check on the availability of and schedule the room for this purpose.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: The Board discussed the status of the Highway Superintendent search. It was agreed to re-advertise plus further evaluate three of the original applications. Shaun suggested a deadline for the applications. Tag also explained that there are 5 other towns currently looking for someone to fill the same position. There was also discussion regarding community feelings about the Superintendent position.

Tag also requested the Board consider a Temporary/Full-Time Equipment Operator position to fill that vacated by Brad. Discussion was held regarding possibly waiting before advertising the position. The Board agreed to go ahead and advertise now for the position.

LIBRARY/MUNICIPAL BUILDING: Barbara Damon read a letter addressed to the Board expressing her feelings on the Final Report presented by the Facilities Committee. Buckwheat responded to the letter and the Board discussed possible forums for public discussion and evaluation of both sides. The Board agreed to meet with the Facilities Committee Tuesday May

17, 6:30 PM at the Elementary School Library. Lisa will call to schedule the room and e-mail the committee members as well as the Selectboard members to inform them of the meeting.

PAUL GRISWOLD REIMBURSEMENT: Brian Kellogg stated Paul Griswold had spoken to him earlier in the day and would not be present at the meeting. Board discussed the issue and agreed that it was a miscommunication regarding reimbursement for an expense as part of the Municipal Facilities Committee report.

Motion by Jim Paige, seconded by Shaun Bryer to reimburse Paul Griswold for the Xpress invoice. Motion passed unanimously.

DOGS: Mary Ann presented tickets to the board that were issued in 1996 and had not been paid to date. She asked that the board allow them to be taken off the books. The other option presented was small claims court. Chief Keith also had tickets from 2000 and before and asked that those be taken off the books as well.

On a motion by Cathy Voyer, seconded by Jim Paige, the Board agreed to write off all eight (8) Municipal Tickets presented. Motion passed unanimously.

TRASH: A complaint on Bridge Street property was presented. Board agreed a letter should be sent to the owners stating they were not making much progress and that the time period is Six (6) months from the date of the ticket not the letter.

There was discussion of Rick Spaulding who was ticketed on Randolph Road for a junk yard. Todd Yandow said that if they were going to continue to ticket people within the town then the Town Garage needed to be cleaned up as well. Discussion allowed on several properties in town in need of junk removal.

Tag informed the Board of plans for the clean-up and removal of foundation at the Cole property acquired by the town.

NEW BUSINESS:
CYCC FUNDING REQUEST: Tag presented the Board with a letter requesting the transfer of $5,000 from the Trails budget to support a summer work crew as well as an e-mail from Jim Pease on the same subject. A motion to approve the use of these funds was requested. Carol Bradley discussed the budget and how this fit in with the grant.

Motion by Cathy Voyer, seconded by Steve Bousquet to use $5,000 from the Morristown Community Trails Budget for the summer work crew. Discussion was held regarding this and the Board decided to ask the CYCC to come and explain further. ***Motion withdrawn by Cathy Voyer.***

ENGINE HOUSE VISIT: Tag summarized the issue to the Board and explained that Karen Temple-Lynch is looking for a motion from the Board in support of the project. Board discussed and agreed to have Karen come to the next meeting and discuss.

EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN EXERCISE: Tag informed the Board that the Emergency Action Plan Exercise will be taking place on May 11 at the Green River Dam and that attendance and participation is strongly being encouraged. Steve Bousquet stated he could possibly attend as a representative of the Board.

WINTER PARKING BAN AND RELATED ISSUES: Chief Keith requested the Board re-visit the ban. Chief Keith also asked that he town make an investment in signage. Tag presented the Board with some samples of signs currently being used in other towns. The Board will take under advisement.

MARCI YOUNG: Stated she has anxieties over the Community Garden and what kind of soil is there. Marci suggested having the soil tested by Environmental Conservation or the UVM Extension. Discussion was held over what or who should perform testing on the soil. Steve Bousquet will contact Carol Jennings who leads the Environmental Conservation group to get in touch with the UVM Extension Service for this purpose.

JOHN FITZGERALD: Addressed Board regarding storm drainage in front of his property (434 Upper Main Street). Tag explained that he had Mike Day look at the property and it will need to be re-evaluated again.

WARRANTS
On a motion by Brain Kellogg, seconded by Steve Bousquet, the Board approved the warrants as presented on the memorandum dated 04/25/05. Motion passed unanimously.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
Tag informed the Board that they have a Tree Warden. He updated the Board with news that he had received a certification letter on the Union vote. Tag let the Board know that the MDF application is pending and suggested they consider adding another representative. Cathy agreed to be a representative on the Board.

Motion by Steve Bousquet, seconded by Jim Paige, the Board to appoint Cathy Voyer to the MDF Board. Motion passed 4-0 with Cathy Voyer abstaining.

Tag also updated the Board on Duhamel Pit. He stated they were moving equipment in and that there has been equipment breakdown to the loader and the brush chipper. He said they are currently using the Light Departments brush chipper. He stated they should begin hauling out of the pit in two weeks and that they are anticipating a good opening.

VENDOR PERMIT: The Elmore Mountain Ice Cream Truck permit application was offered for approval.

On a motion by Jim Paige, seconded by Brian Kellogg, the Board voted to grant a vendor permit to the Elmore Mountain Ice Cream Truck. Motion passed unanimously.

JUNK YARD NOTIFICATION: Tag presented a letter from Mark Leonard regarding the James & David Baker property to be signed by the Board.

Motion by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Jim Paige, to sign and send the standard junk yard notification letter to James & David Baker. Motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Cathy Voyer, seconded by Brian Kellogg, the Board adjourned their regular meeting and moved into Executive Session at 8:29 PM to discuss personnel issues, allowing Tag Taginski, Carol Bradley and Mary Ann Wilson to remain. Motion passed unanimously.

On a motion by Steve Bousquet, seconded by Jim Paige, the Board moved out of Executive Session at 9:17 PM.

GENERAL DISCUSSION: The following members were appointed liaisons to various departments: General Government; Shaun Bryer, Rescue; Steve Bousquet, Fire Department; Cathy Voyer, Highway Department; Jim Paige, Police; Brian Kellogg.

The board directed the TA to prepare a Memo to the Department Heads regarding the appointments and draft an outline of liaisons responsibilities.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Steve Bousquet, seconded by Brian Kellogg, the Board adjourned their meeting at 09:28 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted and filed this ____ day of May, 2005.

Lisa Laughlin; Administrative Assistant

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Minutes Approved Date