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TOWN OF MORRISTOWN
SELECTBOARD
MINUTES

DATE: April 21, 1997
PRESENT: Brian R. Greenia, Chair, Philip L. Locke, Kenneth E. Grimes, Lee Sturtevant, Carole D. Kissinger
ABSENT: Steven Leach
DEPARTMENT HEADS PRESENT: Bill Moulton, Richard Keith, Wayne Camley, David Godfrey, Jason Couture, Don Anderson, Scott Corse
OTHERS PRESENT: Penny Mason-Anderson, Tom Bjerke, Jeff Emerson, David Sanborn, Peter Gensvold

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE COPLEY HOSPITAL/CVCOA GRANT APPLICATION

The Public Hearing opened at 6:15 p.m. In attendance with the Selectboard were Charles Castle, Kathy Cole, Carolyn Roberts and Ed Connors. Brian R. Greenia, Chair of the Selectboard, announced that this was a Public Hearing duly warned as to time and place for the Central Vermont Council on Aging/Copley Health Systems Planning Grant. Charles Castle described their plans for studying the possibility of building a new Nursing Home of 30 beds on a site owned by Copley Health Systems and of buying and converting the existing Manor Nursing Home into low and moderate income housing. The funding would come from a VT Community Development Grant ($40,000) and $12,000 from various other sources of revenue and inkind services secured through Lamoille Valley Long Term Care Team, People in Partnership, LEDC, and possibly the Morristown Development Fund. Chip has been in contact with John Morrison of LEDC, and Jack Peduzzi. After discussion of the Project, it was decided that the Grant Application would be brought to the full Selectboard at a special Board meeting at 6:30 p.m. on April 28, 1997. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:28 p.m.

SELECTBOARD MEETING

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

MINUTES: Lee made the motion, seconded by Phil, to approve the minutes of the Board meeting on April 7, 1997 as presented. Passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT'S REPORT

The bill to pump out the Failed Septic System was received last week. The cost is $620. Brian said to take the amount out of the Septic System fund and invoice the owner.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

HEALTH: David reported that the Septic System was pumped out on April 15. He returned to the site at 3:00 p.m. on Monday. He showed the Board pictures he took that indicate that the pump has burned out. You would not think that anything had been done the other day. The Board advised David to get an electrician in to fix the pump. David said that it would have to be coordinated with the person pumping out the system, as it needs to be pumped again. The Selectboard also told David to notify the caretaker of the problem and the expenses since the owner is in Hongkong and cannot be reached. The bill will be submitted to the owner. If need be, a lien can be put on the property to secure payment. David has also been receiving complaints about rubbish, and they are getting cleaned up.

FIRE: Nothing fantastic is happening at the Fire Station. There was a charging problem with Engine #1. hatney looked at it and found that the problem was electrical. Farrell came in and was able to repair it within an hour. Shatney repaired the Water Truck. Wayne told the Board where he would find the money to cover the cost of the two air packs at $2245 per set. He will take $1500 from the following line items: New equipment, building improvements and new machinery. Lee made the motion to approve the line item transfers that would allow Wayne to purchase two air packs. Phil seconded the motion. Buying the air packs at this time is a good deal as they are packaged with additional air bottles during this sale. Passed.

Brian said that when the Town turned over the management of the Cemeteries to the Cemetery Association, the Town turned the land over to them also. The Association has responsibility for the land. He asked Carole to give David Sanborn a copy of the Charter from 1915. David, Sondra Sanborn and Jeff Emerson walked the Riverside Cemetery property. David said that he and Irene Wilkins think that it would be fine to have Jeff clean up that area and use the Cemetery property near the **CREAMERY** as a **PARKING LOT.** It is not of much value to the Cemetery. Leasing would be a pain. Can it be sold? How much would it be worth? It would be a lot safer place for people to be, since Jeff said that there would be a street light there also. David said that the next meeting of the Morristown Cemetery Association is scheduled for next Tuesday, April 29, 1997. Brian told him of the PVCA meeting on Monday, the 28th, and asked him if they would like to meet them also. David will talk with the rest of the members. They will try to get a consensus from the Association on the sale of the property. The Selectboard will get information from VLCT or the Secretary of State on the correct way of disposing of this property. A Town meeting will probably have to be held. The Agent to Convey Real Estate must also be involved in this. Tom Bjerke said that he would get the exact measurement of the property being discussed.

Ken moved and Lee seconded his motion to sign the **TOTTENHAM LEASE** with the date of 4/21/97 and offer it to Henry Tottenham. Passed.

Brian asked Penny Mason-Anderson why the Town was getting the request to sign a contract for **INFORMATION PLAZA #61.** She explained that the Info Plaza was brought down from the Northeast Kingdom and the signage, etc. still advertises the Kingdom. It is a function of the Chamber to update it and put Lamoille Valley information into the booth. This is not something new, but something that the Chamber always did. There is already a contract in place for the Information booth at the Union Bank but it, too, will be updated. Brian said that he felt that the responsibility for the booth would fall back on the Town in the future. He would like the contract to be between the Chamber and the State. The Town will send a letter to Carol King to that effect. He said that the Statutes say that the Town MAY enter into a contract, not that they must. The Board would like to wait for two weeks to see what response they get back. They do not want the Information Plaza to leave town.

There has been some action re: the **NORTHERN GAS TRANSPORT** invoices. Lee will get involved in the issue and try to get it resolved.

To our letter concerning the **WELCOME SIGNS** at the Town's entrances, the Town received seven responses. The only one not heard from is P.A. The answers were varied, but all organizations were willing to be involved in some way with the signs. The Selectboard tabled the discussion until the full board is in attendance on May 5.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken moved and Phil seconded the motion to approve Bill's Comp Time Vouchers for 4 hours on 4/19/97. Passed.

The motion was made by Lee to sign the letter giving the Sherman Allen Co., the company renovating the **CITGO** Gas Station at Silver Ridge Road, permission to construct a leach field abutting the Town's right-of-way. Phil seconded the motion. Passed.

Re: the AOT letter concerning the **PASSING ZONE.** Ken moved and Lee seconded his motion to have Carole with Bill's input write a letter to the state identifying the roads that will be paved this summer and asking them to continue painting the double line down the center of the road. The letter must be submitted no later than May 12, 1997. Passed.

Chuck Wolff of Bishop Marshall School sent a letter to the Board requesting that the Selectboard **CHANGE THE SPEED LIMIT** on Route 100 in front of the proposed school yard. Brian said that as a driver, he does not see any danger in that area at this time, especially relating to speed. Chuck is to be invited to the Board meeting on May 5, 1997 to discuss this further.

The **VERMONTERS RESOLUTION** is similar to the letter that the Selectboard already wrote to their