



## SELECTBOARD MINUTES

April 12, 2004

Members Present: Brian Greenia, James Paige, Cathy Voyer, Shaun Bryer and Brian Kellogg

Department Heads: Paul D. McGinley, TA; Chief Richard Keith and Lynn Phelps, Lister

Guests: Francis Favreau, Charles McArthur, Heidi Krantz, Amy Noyes, N. Rametta and Dwight Denton

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Brian Greenia called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM at the Morrisville Water & Light Facility and immediately went into Executive Session on a personnel matter regarding the vacant Lister position with the Town Administrator, Paul D. McGinley; Administrative Assistant, Barbara Cochran; Listers Lynn Phelps and Francis Favreau and applicant Charles McArthur.

Guest, Charles McArthur left at 5:48 PM.

## GUEST

Community Coordinator, Heidi Krantz presented the Selectboard with the idea of conducting another Charette. She stated that she had contacted the Orton Foundation only to find out that they no longer funded this type of project. After much discussion, the Selectboard felt it pertinent to accomplish all of the goals brought forth from the last Charette before beginning another one.

H. Krantz stated that the Design Committee for the Downtown felt they needed direction and she felt that a Charette would give them that. For example, the Committee would like to know which type of planters; sidewalks, etc. would be best suited for the Downtown area. The Board felt that a Charette was the wrong choice. Maybe a two-hour special meeting with the Selectboard, Planning Commission, Village Trustees and MACC would be more beneficial.

Heidi informed the Board that after speaking with Wayne Fawbush, she learned that he had approved \$5,000 for a build out study regarding the joint Village/Town sewer agreement.

She further stated that it had been announced on the radio that the store **Big Lots** was coming to the vacant Ames Department Store. Everyone was in agreement that this store was not the solution for Morristown's need for a Department Store.



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### WILKINS RAVINE STORMWATER:

The Town Administrator gave an update on Stormwater grants. He explained how the use of Village funds from a violation would be used in part for this continuing drainage project as well as for work on the Trombley Hill infiltration basin project. He informed the Board that Jim Pease has continued to push for grants and funding to continue the cleanup of the Wilkins Ravine and has put a lot of work into this project. The TA presented spreadsheets prepared by Mr. Pease explaining the various Stormwater grants, their costs, how financing was obtained and from what source as well as the status of each project. He also provided a detailed map showing where each project was located.

### MPC LETTER – SEWER ALLOCATION AMOUNTS:

The TA had drafted a letter to the Morristown Planning Commission regarding their input for defining the potential growth areas in the Town. By defining these growth areas, it will help in determining the gallons for Town and Village shared allocation of the MWWTF.

There were areas in the letter that the Board felt needed to be clarified. Member Paige offered to refine the letter and the suggested changes will be made before the letter is sent.

## OTHER OLD BUSINESS

### SELECTBOARD LIAISON'S ROLE:

Member Voyer inquired as to her role and involvement as liaison to the Morristown Rescue Squad. The other Board members advised her to be as involved as she felt needed.

### RAILROAD BRIDGE:

Member Bryer inquired if anything had transpired regarding the discussion at the previous meeting pertaining to the safety issues of the railroad bridge. The TA acknowledged that he had sent a letter to the appropriate parties.

### TAXES:

Member Paige asked of the 10% discount given to VHFA on their property taxes. Member Voyer explained that this discount was for a certain period of time. That because of the fact that VHFA offered low income housing, they felt they couldn't afford to pay the full amount, but she reiterated that this was for only a certain period of time.



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### WARRANTS

*On a motion by Brian Kellogg, seconded by James Paige, the Board approved the Warrants as listed on the memorandum dated April 12, 2004. (Attached)*

### TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

The TA report of April 9<sup>th</sup> was reviewed. The Town Administrator gave an update on the activities of the Duhamel Pit.

### OTHER BUSINESS

#### FIELDS & PARKS SUMMER POSITION:

*On a motion by Cathy Voyer, seconded by Brian Kellogg, the Board voted to hire Christina Hoadley at the rate of \$8.00 per hour for the Fields & Parks seasonal position.*

#### BYPASS MEETING:

James Paige announced that he would be attending the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding the Alternate Truck Route (Bypass).

#### FIELDS & PARKS:

The TA stated that he had received a memo from George Cormier requesting an April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting for Fields & Parks. Chair Greenia asked for the meeting to begin at 6:00 PM.

#### MEMO FROM LEDC:

In a memo from LEDC Director Karen Lynch, she explained that Hearthstone Manufacturers have been recognized for their excellent gas stoves and that their business is excelling. They further expressed an interest in having the ability to connect to the Village sewer line.

#### GMATV:

Cathy Voyer inquired as to the date that the Governor would be coming for the open house for GMATV. Member Bryer stated that it would be sometime in May.

#### MPD – 2001 BLOCK GRANT REQUEST:

Chief Keith requested the Board approve expenditures in the amount of \$5,500 for the purchase of portable surveillance equipment. The funds would be expended from the



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Respectfully filed and submitted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 2004.

*Barbara Cochran*, Administrative Assistant

These minutes are to be presented for approval at the next Board meeting.

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Minutes approved

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