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MORRISTOWN

SELECTBOARD MEETING OF APRIL 11, 2005

Members Present:	Shaun Bryer; Chair, James Paige, Steve Bousquet, Brian Kellogg (Cathy Voyer – via telephone)
Department Heads:	Francis Taginski, TA, Chief Richard Keith, Wally Reeve
Guests:	Gloria Wing, Paul Griswold, David Sanborn, Sondra Sanborn, William Graves, Bob Melfy, Amy Noyes, Ron Stancliff, Lee Sturtgent, Todd Yandow, Joie Marshall, Bill Perrilt, Cindy Grant, Buckwheat, Tina Tomlinson, Barbara Damon, Bob Kingsbury, JB McKinley, Ed Wilson

Chair Shaun Bryer called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM at the Morrisville Water & Light Facility.

GUESTS

Gloria Wing: Provided information on the Pleasant View Cemetery. Discussion was held on the resignation of the Association Chairman and status of the Association. Gloria informed the Board that there was in fact still an Association and they had not disband it as of yet. It was her feeling as well as other members they should not disband but revitalize the Association. She stated that members still had an interest in the Association. The need for a Sexton as well as the possibility of extending the water lines were also discussed. The need to purchase a John Deere tractor and lack of funds for such purchase were brought up for evaluation. It was agreed that a preliminary meeting would be beneficial to further discuss the need for the Association and what the Towns' involvement should be. Brian Kellogg will be present at the meeting to represent the Selectboard on Monday April 18, 2005, 6:00 PM at the Water & Light building.

Paul Griswold: The Facilities Committee presented the Board with their recommendations and Final Report. Paul read Page 9 of the report and stated that the Union Carbide site is, in the Committees opinion the best solution for the Town Hall building. Discussion followed with the Select Board members asking questions of the committee about the reports content. Members of the public, including J.B. McKinley expressed opposition to the report.

On a motion by Jim Paige, seconded by Brian Kellogg, the Board accepted the report presented by the Facilities Committee and will take under advisement. Motion passed unanimously.

On a motion by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Bousquet, the Board convened as the Local Liquor Control Board. The motion passed 4-0, with Jim Paige voting to abstain.

Cindy Grant & Bill Parrott: The owner of Time-Out Sports Bar appeared with her attorney to discuss recent operation issues and their past license suspension. Discussion was held with respect to changes the establishment had made since re-opening in March. Chief Keith addressed several violations and discussion was held regarding concerns.

On a motion by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Cathy Voyer, the Board voted to approve the liquor license of Time-Out Sports Bar for the period of 1 year (May 1, 2005 – April 30, 2006). The motion passed 4-1, with Jim Paige voting against.

Tag presented a listing of liquor licenses applying for renewal.

On a motion by Cathy Voyer, seconded by Brian Kellogg, the Board voted to approve the liquor licenses of V.F.W. for liquor and tobacco and Melbens; liquor only (with "Outside Consumption" being voted on at a later date). The motion passed 4-1, with Jim Paige voting against.

On a motion by Jim Paige, seconded by Brian Kellogg, to adjourn as the Local Liquor Control Board and reconvene as the Select Board. The motion passed unanimously.

Bob Melfy: Brought forth concerns about Dogs "Running at Large" in the Oxbow park. Asked Board to consider closing park to dogs from November 1 through May 1. Discussion was held concerning the enforcement of fines and ticketing.

OLD BUSINESS
MINUTES:

On a motion by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Shaun Bryer, the Board accepted the Minutes of March 28th with corrections. Motion passed 4-0, with Cathy Voyer abstaining.

TANDEM DUMP TRUCK PURCHASE: Tag provided bids and information on the purchase of a new Tandem Dump Truck. Discussion was held regarding differences in each bid.

Following discussion, Brian Kellogg made a motion to purchase the truck from Clarks Truck Center, the motion was seconded by Steve Bousquet and it passed unanimously.

WATER & LIGHT PLAN: Jim Paige stated he did not have a chance to read through the proposition yet. Brian Kellogg questioned whether "sludge" would be brought in from outside towns and the response was yes. Tag said there was no way to restrict use of the facility. Tag also mentioned that Scott Corse would be coming to have a presentation next month and Steve Bousquet requested having a meeting with them at that time for further discussion. All Board Members agreed.

BOARD LIASONS: Shaun Bryer suggested by-passing topic until later time, all members agreed.

PARKING: Discussion was held with Chief Keith concerning the municipal parking lot. Chief Keith noted that Portland Street next to the Post Office is becoming a problem again. Suggestions for remedy included additional signage and fresh painting.

NEW BUSINESS:

TOWN GARAGE IMPROVEMENTS: Tag discussed the need for a break/lunch space with tables and chairs away from the truck shop area. After review and inspection of space at Town Garage, it was agreed the loft area would be the best choice. Tag requested the Board use money off-set in budget for this project. The Board is in support of this project but would like to see two more bids before agreeing on a contractor.

FIELDS & PARKS: Tag mentioned the need for a Board representative to be on the Field & Parks committee. Board decided to discuss further in the Liaison section of the meeting.

DEPUTY DOG WARDEN: Chief Keith requested an alternate Dog Warden to cover for Brian Kellogg when he is not available. Pay, Rabies Vaccination and Equipment needed were all issues presented. It was suggested utilizing a Warden from a neighboring town as back-up could be the best option. The benefits of doing so are the person is already vaccinated and would have the necessary equipment. Chief Keith will contact local Wardens to see if interested.

WALLY REEVE: Gave status update on the Homeland Security Grant in the Fire Department application. Should receive a hard copy by the end of next week. Told the Board the process will be a slow one.

RON STANCLIFF: Addressed the Board stating he had applied to be on the Planning Commission and when the commission re-advertised he felt it was a "slap in the face". The Board stated it was surprising and was an issue that should be further investigated.

WARRANTS
On a motion by Jim Paige, seconded by Brian Kellogg, the Board approved the warrants as presented on the memorandum dated 04/11/05. Motion passed 4-0, with Cathy Voyer abstaining.

Discussion was held concerning the receipt presented to the Board from Paul Griswold for reimbursement.

On a motion by Jim Paige, seconded by Shaun Bryer the Board declined to reimburse Paul Griswold after submitting proper paperwork. Motion failed 3-2, with Steve Bousquet, Brian Kellogg and Cathy Voyer voting against.

On a motion by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Cathy Voyer, to ask Paul Griswold to attend next meeting in order to further discuss the unauthorized purchase. The motion passed 3-2 with Jim Paige and Shaun Bryer voting against.

RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS: Discussion was held concerning retired Firefighters plaque and letter, which to date had not been received.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Tag provided an update on by-pass/truck alternate route, thanking Cathy and Senator Bartlett for their efforts. He notified the Board it will take 18 months to finish the right of way. He also presented the Board with a sewer study map compiled from a series of Town maps. A formal presentation of this map should be available in another month or so. Tag informed the Board of a grievance filed from a member of the Police Department with Arbitration, skipping Step 2 of the contract. He requested the Board hold a hearing for this grievance. Further discussion taken up in Executive Session.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Ed Wilson asked who and from where did they get the information on the sewer map Tag presented. Wanted to be sure the map was credible. Tag assured him that it was.

Todd Yandow expressed his concern over the Highway Department. He stated the Board must look closely at the situation before they lose all of the employees. Shaun Bryer noted the problems are currently being addressed and they are trying very hard to work out issues.

Chief Keith addressed the Casket being broken into. The Board discussed the benefits of having a Police Officer in school.

Chief Keith and the Board discussed their on-going concerns with the Time-Out Sports Bar.

Discussion was held concerning Brian Greenia's party. Cathy Voyer noted she felt wine would not be appropriate at the open house. Board chose Melbens for catering and decided that a Brunch was best and not a dinner. Also decided to give a Gift Certificate for $300.00. Saturday May 14, 2005 was set as the tentative date for the event.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by James Paige, seconded by Steve Bousquet, the Board adjourned their regular meeting and moved into Executive Session at 8:50 PM to discuss personnel issues.

On a motion by Steve Bousquet, seconded by Jim Paige, the Board moved out of Executive Session at 10:05 PM.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Steve Bousquet, seconded by Jim Paige, the Board adjourned their meeting at 10:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted and filed this 25th day of April, 2005.

Lisa Laughlin; Administrative Assistant

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Minutes Approved Date