

**INFORMAL MEETING OF THE
TOWN OF MORRISTOWN
SELECTBOARD
MINUTES**

DATE: March 17, 1997

PRESENT: Brian R. Greenia, Chair, Steven G. Leach, Kenneth E. Grimes, Lee Sturtevant, Carole D. Kissinger

DEPARTMENT HEADS PRESENT: Bill Moulton, Barb Farr

OTHERS PRESENT: See attached list

SELECTBOARD / RECREATION COUNCIL MEETING

Barb Farr and several other members of the Morristown Recreation Council were on hand to discuss several items with the Selectboard. Barb informed the Board of two students that they would like named to the Recreation Council. Brian moved and it was seconded by Lee to appoint Jared Benedict and Clinton Terry as new members of the Rec. Council. The hope is that this will infuse new blood and new input into the Council. Passed. Barb mentioned that she has been talking to Bill Moulton and Sonny Demars concerning the Parking Study. She also spoke with AOT concerning the "Welcome" signs. AOT says that there is nothing illegal about them if they are placed out of the right of way, owned in some way by the Town, and smaller than 64 sq. ft. Barb asked for feedback on the location of a new Skating (& possibly Hockey) Rink. She told the Board of three options being discussed: 1) at P.A. close to where it is now, 2) between P.A. and the Elementary School on the existing paved basketball court, and 3) at the Oxbow. The council has also been talking about a cover for the rink. The Selectboard was divided on their preferences, but Barb was told that anything on the school property would have to be worked out with the school.

VIENCEK / OXBOW / COPLEY PARK MEETING

This second informal meeting was called to discuss further the future of the "Viencek Property." Brian started the meeting by giving a synopsis of the first meeting which was held January 20, 1997. Many ideas at this second meeting had already been brought up at the last meeting and are in those minutes. They will not be repeated here. The size of the property is 6.8 acres.

Gary Nolan, assisted by Tom Bjerke, sketched out their plan, discussed it with those at the meeting, answering their questions. Gary said that a lot of time and effort have gone into the preparation of this plan. It was to help present a starting point, but they will not go further without some direction. They are also looking at the W&L property as a possible site for two ballfields. That area would be better than the Oxbow since you don't have to worry about the site being destroyed throughout the year. He said that there are 16 men's teams and 12 or 13 women's team in the Morristown Adult League. There was a discussion on the lights for the ballfield. Gary said that there would be four of them mounted on 60 ft. poles with the lights directed downward. Lights could also be placed on the back to shine toward the other sections of the park. The lights should not shine into anyone's home. There should be a 11:00 p.m. curfew on use of the park. One question was raised - would the Town's insurance cover a softball field in/above the flood plain? No soil sampling was done by Gary's group.

Many people talked about the possibility of a Community Garden. Jeanette Lepine read letters from Court Diversion, the Food Shelf and Out & About and the Senior Citizens that were in favor of a community garden. Personnel from VT Anti-Hunger Corp. were on hand to add their support. The Board felt that would be a problem with destruction or robbery in the garden. It was said that interest may curb thievery. The idea is to get people used to going down there.

