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SELECTBOARD MINUTES APRIL 14, 2003

Members Present: Brian Greenia, Brian Kellogg, James Paige, Mark Struhsacker and Shaun Bryer

Department Heads: Paul D. McGinley, TA; and Mark Leonard, ZA
Guests: Lucy Leriche, LHP; Steve Bousquet, Jim Pease, Steve Rae, Heidi Krantz and Chris Cochran of Housing & Community Affairs

Chair Brian Greenia called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Morrisville Water & Light Facility.

GUESTS

LUCY LERICHE, LHP – COPLEY HOUSE:
In 2000 Lamoille Housing Partnership, while searching for funding for the Copley House project asked the Town of Morristown to apply for Federal HUD grant monies and loan such funds to LHP for the project. The Town was successful in obtaining a $435,000 HUD grant. When Federal grant monies such as these are paid back to a municipality, the Town can then use the funds to loan to others, such as is done in the MDF account. Discussion included that the Town of Morristown is seventh in a list of nine creditors for this particular project, and LHP does not see the loan being repaid in the 30-year period of the mortgage.

According to Chair Greenia, the Town never expected the loan to be repaid. Ms. Leriche stated that the loan from the Town was less than 25% of the overall cost, which exceeded two million dollars. Questions asked during the discussion included, "who lives there and where are they from", "do the other loans need to be repaid" and "what if the building was ever sold". Ms. Leriche explained that the tenants came from Maple Grove Rest Home in Waterville when it closed. They are on a very limited income and the rent paid does not cover operating costs. Lamoille County Mental Health subsidizes their care at a cost in excess of $38,000 each year. Jim Pease arrived at this time.

The Board requested proof from the State that the money does not indeed have to be paid back before taking further action. Ms. Leriche will obtain the proper documentation and submit it to the Administration Office. Shaun Bryer arrived and Ms. Leriche left at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

MINUTES:
On a motion by James Paige, seconded by Shaun Bryer, the Board approved the minutes of March 31, 2003 as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

GREEN UP DAY:
It was determined that the Morristown Conservation Commission would coordinate the 2004 Green Up Day event. The AA informed the Board that the porta-potty would be delivered to the Oxbow during the last week of April. Member Kellogg reported that Nancy Tingle and a group of concerned citizens were interested in keeping the property cleaned up.

GUESTS

CHRIS COCHRAN – CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT:
Chris Cochran was asked to come and outline the Certified Local Government (CLG) program, which could potentially benefit the *"Downtown"* businesses. CLG provides local government with an avenue to evaluate their historic buildings, and can help define the borders or districts, such as a *"Downtown"* district.

Towns must be able to provide a 40% match, which can be in the form of in-kind services, while CLG provides up to 60% for specific projects. Community Development Coordinator Heidi Krantz assured the Board that this would not necessarily mean forming another committee. Morrisville already has individuals interested in historic preservation as well as *"Downtown Designation"* and she hopes the CLG program will be another step towards achieving *"Downtown Designation"* as well as helping with our historical preservation that Dawn Andrews and Shaun Bryer, are both already involved with. Heidi stated that she has already met with local business owners who are interested in renovating their properties.

The Board asked for a sample Ordinance to create a Certified Local Government program, and Heidi offered to email one to the Administrative Assistant before the next Selectboard meeting. Mark Leonard arrived at this time and Chris Cochran left.

STEVE BOUSQUET – ECONOMIC RESTRUCTURING COMMITTEE:
Mr. Bousquet gave a brief update on the Economic Restructuring Committee (ERC) and the changes that have taken place since he last met with the Board. He stated that the original committee made up of Heidi Krantz, Scott Corse, John Sullivan and himself, had dwindled and a new committee had been formed and they even have a draft charter. The new members of the committee consists of Ed Taylor of Taylor's Color World; Judy Bourbeau of the VT Dept. of Employment & Training; Joe Phelps of Sears and Brent Tomlinson of Tomlinson's Deli.

Mr. Bousquet stated that this committee would like to restructure the Morristown Development Fund (MDF) and make recommendations for how these funds could be used. Presently the MDF is under the direction of John Sullivan of LEDC, who is leaving his current position to teach full-

The third question the Zoning Administrator had for the Board pertained to the "road specifications". He stated that he has had several developers inquire about road widths when applying for subdivision applications. The Town Administrator is in the process of rewriting the Town's Road Policy and Specifications, but the Board advised that until the new policies are finished, the Zoning Office was to use 24' with 2' shoulders for road widths.

The Chairman stated that he has heard many good things about Morristown's Zoning Administrator such as "he is consistent and very informative". Mark Leonard left at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING LEASE:
The Town Administrator gave a brief update on the new lease for the State Police at the Public Safety Building and presented it to the Board for their approval.

On a motion by James Paige, seconded by Mark Struhsacker, the Board moved to enter into a three-year lease with the Department of Buildings and General Services of the State of Vermont.

NEW BUSINESS

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT PURCHASE:
Four bid proposals and specifications for the new truck for the Street Department were reviewed.

On a motion by Brian Greenia, seconded by James Paige, the Selectboard moved to accept the proposal from Hardwick Motors and purchase a Ford truck for up to $21,994.08.

Discussion included the truck being equipped with an automatic transmission, air conditioning and a stereo system. The Board asked the TA to check with Mike Day regarding the automatic transmission versus a standard.

On a motion by Mark Struhsacker, seconded by James Paige, the Board authorized the purchase of a Bobcat with the net amount set at $12,635.

Discussion included the trade-in of the Wastewater Treatment Facility's Bobcat and looking at equipment for future purchases that have more capabilities than the Bobcat.

WARRANTS

On a motion by Mark Struhsacker, seconded by James Paige, the Board authorized the warrants as listed on the Memorandum dated 04/14/03. (Attached)

TA REPORT

The Administrator reviewed his written reports to the Board. Other discussion included confirmation from Gloria Wing that the AHC request for the improvements to the Pleasant View Cemetery will be lower than originally asked for, and both tractors at PVC are currently in need of repair and not usable.

Chair Greenia stated that the PVC Directors voted to move their funds to Edward Jones Investments at their last meeting.

GENERAL OPEN DISCUSSION

BCA TRAINING:
Chair Greenia will be out of town and will not be able to attend the scheduled BCA training seminar. Member Struhsacker will be at the Sewer Expansion meeting and also will not be able to attend.

MRS UPDATE:
Member Bryer informed the other Board members that after meeting with the Operational Lead at MRS, he would like to schedule a meeting with Michael Paradis of Newport Rescue to discuss Paramedic intercepts. Other discussion included transports for Genesis Health Care, which will be discussed further at another time when more information is available.

SCHOOL VOTE REMINDER:
Everyone was reminded of the special School vote by Australian ballot to be held at the PA Library on Tuesday.

HIGHWAY COMPLAINT:
Chair Greenia acknowledged a request from a taxpayer for the Highway Crew to clean the gravel off of his lawn, to which his answer was no.

Chair Greenia referenced a call from Attorney Ed French pertaining to potential action to be taken against the Town in a *Case Law* suit regarding the *Tax Sale* of David Burbank's property to Mr. Jennison of Johnson.

ADJOURN

On a motion by James Paige, seconded by Shaun Bryer, the Board adjourned at 10:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted and filed this 16th day of April 2003.

Barbara Cochran, Scribe

Minutes to be presented for approval at the next Selectboard meeting.

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Minutes Approved Date

TOWN OF MORRISTOWN SELECT BOARD

PLEASE SIGN IN

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