TOWN OF MORRISTOWN
SELECTBOARD
MINUTES

DATE: March 9, 1998
PRESENT: Brian R. Greenia, Chair, Steven G. Leach,, Lee Sturtevant, Kenneth E. Grimes, Maria Ward
DEPARTMENT HEADS PRESENT: Richard Keith, Wayne Camley, William Moulton, Jim Paige
OTHERS PRESENT: Chris Osmond, Ben Judy (DET)

SELECTBOARD MEETING

The Chair opened the Selectboard meeting in the Municipal Conference Room at 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES: Steve Leach made the motion, seconded by Lee Sturtevant, to approve the minutes of the Board meeting on February 23, 1998 and Brian Greenia noted the actual meeting date was February 23,1998. Passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT'S REPORT

The Town Officers Educational Conference in Colchester will be held on April 13. If anyone is interested the brochure is in the Selectboards office.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

POLICE: Richard stated that there have been fourteen arrests and 201 calls since the last meeting. The '94 cruiser is being worked on and hopefully will be done by the end of the week. Sandy has been out due to vacation and illness and Richard has been covering her duties. The Gould Corp. may possibly start work next Monday. Steve Leach asked if the Police have noticed a lot of people in and out of the Ambulance Building and Richard stated that had been noticed and he feels there should be more accountability. Brian and Richard discussed the possibility of more patrol in that area. The Enforcers vs. PA basketball is on March 10.

FIRE: Wayne stated that there are four men attending a basic and four men attending an advanced training course. The building seems to be busy Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights, also Sunday morning. Wayne believes the old Hayford house will be burned before the end of April. Ken Grimes asked about the sign-offs for burning the building and Wayne said that will be taken care of. Steve Leach asked if there have been any misuse of the building, and Wayne said no. Brian Greenia questioned supplies being bought through a supplier with a shipping fee and Wayne stated the supplies will be bought locally without a fee whenever possible.

HIGHWAY: Bill stated the Village crew has been splitting wood and patching holes recently. Art will be out for 6 - 10 weeks for heart surgery. The mud hasn't been too much of a problem yet. Bill stated that there is a water problem at the Town garage again and he would like to drop the pump in the well another 100 feet. The well was drilled in 1986. If that doesnt work they may need another well. A letter written by Lisa Fradette was discussed regarding the condition of the Stagecoach road during a storm. Bill stated the Stagecoach road is at the end of the plow route, if the plow route is changed then another road will be in the same situation. Every road cant be plowed first , and the road crews are doing the very best they can to make the roads safe in a timely manner.

RESCUE: Jim stated there is a EMS conference coming up. There are new people working into driver positions. The facility has some misuse problems and they are currently dealing with the situation with suspension. The next Ambulance meeting is March 17, and the Selectboard members would like to attend. Steve is concerned with the building being misused and the towns liability. Bill Moulton stated there is a problem with cars parked in the parking lot making it difficult to plow.

GUESTS

Mary Ann Wilson was on hand to discuss the staffing in the Town Clerk's office. Mary Ann Stated that Judy Stewart was hired to fill in during Jim Philbrook's leave. Jim is back on a part time basis in the morning. In the mean time the Lister's office is understaffed and the Town Clerk's office is very busy with the Act 60 Homestead Certificates and dog licenses and still trying to catch up from Town Meeting , etc... Jim is working six hours at the Town Clerk's and three hours for Carol Bradley and the difference has been vacation time he has accumulated. The clerical budget could go over about $3200.00. Steve is concerned with the hours being used and Mary Ann states that Judy is definately needed since Jim is not back to his regular hours . Jim's clerical position is for 24 hrs per week and he is back to work for 6, Judy is here for 20 hrs per week which gives Mary Ann only two extra working hours than she was staffed before. Mary Ann stated that there could be a need for Jim in the Police Dept., Zoning, and/or Bookkeeping. Brian stated and the Board agreed that they would like to know Jim's intention for future employment and they would like to finalize the issue at the March 23 meeting. The Board agreed