TOWN OF MORRISTOWN
SELECTBOARD
MINUTES

DATE: February 23, 1998
PRESENT: Brian R. Greenia, Chair, Steven G. Leach, Phil L. Locke, Lee Sturtevant, Kenneth E. Grimes, Maria Ward
DEPARTMENT HEADS PRESENT: Richard Keith, Wayne Camley, William Moulton, Jason Couture
OTHERS PRESENT: Don Anderson, Scott Corse, Barb Farr, Joie Marshall, Frank Huard

SELECTBOARD MEETING

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

HIGHWAY BIDS Bill Moulton was on hand to deliver four bids to the Selectboard for consideration of a new backhoe. The bids presented were;

T&T TRACTOR	total w/ add ons	$60,100.00
GRAPPONE	total w/ add ons	$61,306.00
SOUTHWEST MILTON	" "	$64,738.00
BEAUREGARD EQU.		$67,916.00

Bill's suggestion is to consider Grappone's bid considering T&T Tractor is a longer distance and Grappone offers a full warranty with a $250.00 deductible. Lee Sturtevant made the motion to pass and was seconded by Ken Grimes, pending the voter's pleasure on Town Meeting Day. Steve Leach asked Bill's opinion of selling the existing backhoe vs. a trade-in, and Bill recommended a trade-in.

MINUTES: Steve Leach made the motion, seconded by Ken Grimes, to approve the minutes of the Board meeting on February 9, 1998 as presented. Passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT'S REPORT

Mary Ann Wilson received an inquiry concerning the Indecency Ordinance and has provided the Board with a copy of the ordinance and her thoughts.
Barb Farr, Bill Rossmasller, and Joie Marshall all have a copy of the letter to the Contract Administrator for the Vermont Agency of Transportation regarding the Lamoille Valley Railroad repair facility.
I am looking forward to working with all of you and I am open to your feedback. Thank you.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

POLICE: Richard reported there have been six arrests and about 202 calls per week. Larry Pecor covered for Richard during his vacation and all was fine. There have been some sickness. Richard is currently working on some time consuming cases. The '94 cruiser is still using oil after the tune-up. The car has approximately 71,500 miles and is using about one quart per 500 miles. The car will be re-checked.
FIRE: Wayne reported the alarm had a faulty relay and has been repaired. Mr. Shatney said there is nothing wrong with the Engine brakes, however it is going to Pete's Repair tomorrow to be re-checked and maybe inspected. The new computer is now in service. The computer was no charge from the state. Wayne sends reports to the State Department of Public Safety on a disc.
HIGHWAY: The crew has been painting the barrels for summer, and cutting some brush on Cote Hill. The hydraulic motor is back for the sweeper. Brian personally thanked Bill for going to Montpelier with him. They met with the Transportation Agency AOT Committee and Brian believes the Town was very well represented.
RESCUE: Jason stated the RECA class was canceled due to lack of interest. There are presently two new drivers being trained. The Ambulance building needs a GCI box in the bay for safety reasons. Jason believes this should be dealt with immediately and the Board concurred.

GUESTS

Barb Farr and Joie Marshall were on hand to discuss the Recreational Facility questionnaire. The Selectboard read the questionnaire and agreed it was fine. The Recreation Committee would like to hand out the questionnaires at Town Meeting, at the schools, and grocery stores. They would like there to be one questionnaire per household. If other towns respond to the questionnaire the Selectboard would like their questionnaires to be color coded to know where the response is coming from. Brian would like Morrisville's concerns and suggestions to be considered first since we would be the host town. Steve asked about the bill that was submitted for labor on the skating rink and Joie replied that it was from the flooding and for construction plastic. She also stated that the rink has not been usable all year.

Barb Farr was here also to have the Copley Hospital grant papers signed and discuss the grants.

SIGN PAYROLL: Steve made the motion and it was seconded by Ken to approve a Check Warrant A/P for Unpaid Invoices for Checking Account 02 (General Fund) in the amount of $20,080.31. Passed. Steve moved and Ken seconded the motion to approve Check Warrant # 2 P/R dated 02/14/98 for Payroll Transfers in the amount of $26,568.59 and Check Warrant #3 P/R dated 02/14/98 for Payroll in the amount of $19,564.14.

OLD BUSINESS

The retrofit bids were researched by Scott Corse and he believes the bids were both for the same project. Ken moved and Steve seconded a motion to accept the Gould Corp. bid in the amount of $8024.00. The Board would like as much of the funds to be taken out of the current department budgets as possible and the rest to be transferred from the improvement budget. The Gould Corp. would first start with a GFI box in the Ambulance building and then the Police Dept., Town Clerk's up stairs, Town Clerk's down stairs, and the Fire Department. Steve thanked the Highway Crew for refurbishing the welcome sign at the south end of town.

The Board is suggesting that Mary Ann Wilson join the next meeting to discuss the part-time assistants in the Town Clerks office.

Don has noticed that Eva Perry's house is not on the town map or grand list, only the land is listed. Brian will investigate. The Water & Light Dept. received a letter from FERC and Scott is confident that the appraisal documents will become formal and they will begin working with a third appraiser.

NEW BUSINESS

Sterling Monuments is requesting a five year contract for the cemetery maintenance. Their contract is currently for two years. The Board denied the request since the bids were originally for two years.

The Board received a letter from Carol Bradley regarding the Village bookkeeping. Since the Village tax may be eliminated the Board is asked to review her hours. She currently works 80% for the town and 20% for the village. The Board will discuss the issue at the 4/20/98 meeting .

The Board received an informational packet from Ben Judy from The Department of Employment & Training. The Board is to review the information for the 3/9/98 meeting.

Frank Huard has informed the Board that Jeff Emerson has proposed to buy the Riverview Cemetery for $3500.00. The ownership of the cemetery should be researched before proposals are considered.

Steve made a motion, seconded by Ken, to close the Selectboard meeting. Passed. 8:10 p.m.

LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSIONERS

Steve Leach moved and Ken Grimes seconded a motion to open the meeting of the Liquor Control Commissioners at 8:10 p.m.
Lee Sturtevant moved and Steve Leach seconded to sign the liquor licenses and tobacco lisenses.
Lee moved and Steve seconded a motion to close the Liquor Control Commissioners meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Brian Greenia re-opened the regular Selectboard meeting at 8:22 p.m. to discuss signing a letter to David McAllister recognizing his Eagle Scout achievements. Steve moved and Lee seconded a motion to sign the letter.

Don Anderson notified the Board that he will no longer be in charge of the Fourth of July parade. Don replied that he may help in the transition of the next volunteer. The Board thanks Don for his dedication and many years of hard work on the parade.

With no further business Steve moved to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. passed.

Maria Ward, Scribe
Minutes filed 02/24/98

Brian R. Greenia, Chair
Minutes not approved