

TOWN OF MORRISTOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 4, 2002

Members Present: Brian Greenia, James Paige, Donald Anderson, Lee Sturtevant and Mark Struhsacker

Department Heads: Paul D. McGinley, Mary Ann Wilson, Bill Moulton, Richard Keith, Bud Geary and Mark Leonard

Guests: Heidi Krantz, Amy Noyes, Sandi Utton, Gloria Wing, Richard Sargent, Dave Pelletier, Bill Bourne, Bob Dellar Santa, Gert Lepine, Jim Pease, Duane Sprague, Sonny Demars, Mike Stafford, Gary Dubray, Orah Moore, Francis Favreau, Mac Miller, Ed Wilson, Larry Gluckman, Stephanie Bourdeau and George Vaupel

Chair, Brian Greenia called the Selectboard meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

GUESTS

BYPASS:

Gary Dubray of the Vermont Department of Transportation presented a brief update of the Morristown Bypass. He stated that the paperwork would be signed this week approving the go ahead with the project. Right of ways are the next step. Some properties have already been purchased using State funds that will be reimbursed with Federal monies. This project has been in the works for some time Gary stated, but permits have been kept current and are good until 2026. At this time the plan is to go to contract in 2003 and start construction in 2004.

With the new *Manual of Uniform Control Traffic Devices (MUTCD)*, which has more realistic traffic provisions, the State can now justify a light signal at the Bridge Street intersection with an island for left hand turns. This will not change the right of way widths or plans, but will allow for a fully signalized intersection.

When asked if there was a chance that the project would be cut, Gary stated that usually when a project is in the right of way phase, it usually is a go.

Storm water runoff was discussed. Gary informed the Selectboard that the design to handle the runoff has already been done and will be located off Professional Drive on the left past the sawmill.

Traffic exiting the bypass on the southerly end near the Bishop Marshall School was also discussed. Gary reported that a tunnel for students and pedestrians is designed in the plans.

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REAPPORTIONMENT:

Gloria Wing asked the Board to take a few minutes to discuss the reapportionment process. Representative Stephanie Bourdeau, who is on the Reapportionment Committee, was present to explain how the latest plan divides Morristown. The plan presented by the Republicans passed last Friday would divide the town. Morristown Corners would be combined with Johnson and the balance of Morristown would be with Stowe. Elmore and Wolcott were

put with Worcester and Woodbury, Hyde Park was with Eden, Cambridge, Waterville and Belvidere were put back together.

Gloria Wing stated that she had received a call from Rich Westman of Cambridge. She asked Rich what was wrong with the plan that included Morristown, Wolcott and Elmore as a district. Rich told Gloria that it was a matter of politics, as our representative doesn't feel she could win Wolcott and she did not want Wolcott with Morristown. The Republicans do not want to lose a seat, so it all comes down to politics. Stephanie stated that she needs help from other representatives to keep the county whole and did not feel that she was receiving it. Gloria read an email she received from Rep. Cathy Voyer stating that she wanted to keep the town whole and bring Elmore back into the county.

Stephanie said that any phone calls, faxes or emails to Representatives and other chairs would be beneficial. Reapportionment only happens every ten years, so we will have to live with the plan voted on for that amount of time. This bill will come out of the Reapportionment Committee by this Friday. The week of February 11th it will be on floor of the House and may even be on the floor on the 14th, which is Local Government Day.

It was the general consensus that the Republicans in our district need to be made aware that it is in their best interest to keep it the way the Town wants. It was noted that there are 82 Republicans out of 150 members, so they rule the numbers.

Gloria stated that it was unfortunate that the Representative from Hyde Park and Wolcott is fighting for Morristown and not our own.

OLD BUSINESS

PARK STREET REQUEST (Revisited)

Donald Anderson made the recommendation to handle the request to plow the sidewalk on Park Street at this meeting.

Donald Anderson made the motion to send a letter stating there was not enough use and it was too narrow to plow. Don was asked to withdraw the motion for further discussion, which included safety issues and students crossing the street.

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MPD (Continued)

Lee expressed his appreciation to Richard for the two MPD officers that attended the Incident Command Course recently.

The Selectboard was asked to appoint Officer Cindy Storey as a Full-time Police Officer for a two-year period.

On a motion by Jim Paige, seconded by Don Anderson, the Board voted to appoint Cindy A. Storey as a Full-time Officer for the Town of Morristown for a two-year term through December 26, 2004.

OTHER BUSINESS

ZONING AND PERMIT FEE COMPARISON:

Zoning Administrator, Mark Leonard presented the Selectboard with comparisons of permit fees he compiled from (15) various towns. He asked the Board to review the comparisons for discussion at a future time. Mark replied "no" when asked by Brian Greenia if the DRB had seen the comparisons. Mark had several suggestions to improve the fee structure that he felt would benefit the Town of Morristown. He recommended the Town charge penalties for starting a project without a permit. Mark also was looking for direction from the Selectboard on the issue of junk cars and Zoning Bylaws. The Board instructed Mark to look into the issue, but not to spend too much time on it.

OLD BUSINESS

MORRISTOWN RESCUE - 911 ADDRESSES: (Revisited)

A letter addressed to the Vermont Enhanced 911 Board that would revise 911 addresses for Rescue service was submitted to the Board for approval. There are several Wolcott roads currently served by Hardwick Rescue, where MRS could arrive on the scene significantly quicker than an ambulance from Hardwick. Arlo Sterner, Wolcott 911 Coordinator; Robert Vize, Wolcott Selectboard Chair; Dan Courchaine, President of Hardwick Rescue and Bud Geary, President of Morristown Rescue, had previously signed the letter.

On a motion by Lee Sturtevant, seconded by Jim Paige, the Board voted to accept the agreement with date changes, to the Vermont Enhancement 911 Board and authorized Paul D. McGinley, Town Administrator to sign on behalf of Morristown. Donald Anderson opposed.

Don Anderson inquired about the billing services and service to Brown Hill. It was determined that Brown Hill was not part of this agreement at this time.

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On a motion by Don Anderson, seconded by Lee Sturtevant, the Board voted to go out of Executive Session at 8:45 PM.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Don Anderson, seconded by Lee Sturtevant, the Board voted to adjourn at 8:46 PM.

Barbara Cochran, Scribe
Minutes Filed 02/08/02

Brian Greenia, Chair
Minutes Not Approved

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