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**TOWN OF MORRISTOWN
SELECTBOARD
MINUTES**

DATE: January 27, 1997

PRESENT: Brian R. Greenia, Chair, Donald R. Anderson, Steven G. Leach, Philip L. Locke, Kenneth E. Grimes, Carole D. Kissinger

DEPARTMENT HEADS PRESENT: Bill Moulton, Richard Keith, David Godfrey, Dave Connelley, Wally Reeve

OTHERS PRESENT: Scott Corse

SELECTBOARD MEETING

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES: Steve made the motion, seconded by Don to approve the minutes of the Board meeting on January 13, 1996 as presented. Passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT'S REPORT

Ken Sweetser is still quite sick. He has an appointment with a neurosurgeon at Dartmouth on Friday. Gary Nolan brought the ZA computer to Ken who was able to get the time sensitive work out this weekend. Barb Farr had been scheduled to attend tonight's meeting to get the **CHNC** Closeout Papers signed, but they were signed by Brian over the weekend. The CHNC closeout costs were already passed by the Board at an earlier date.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

HEALTH: David said that he has nothing pressing right now.

POLICE: Brian thanked Richard for the letter that Richard wrote concerning the traffic on Stagecoach Road. Richard reported that there were 135 calls, 14 arrests and no transports during the last two weeks. Eric Dodge is in **INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT** Training at no cost other than salary to the Town. The '95 Cruiser is scheduled to have its **TRANSMISSION** repaired Wednesday. It will cost \$700. The new **CAD SYSTEM** should be installed in Morristown by May. The support cost will be the same as budgeted, from \$22-2400 a year. Morristown Police will receive 6 or 7 new workstations, along with a printer. The other older computers will also be incorporated into the system. Richard will be sending two candidates to the Police Academy in February for testing, one full-time and one part-time. Earlier this evening, Larry Pecor was involved in a domestic complaint. He was assaulted by the accused and needed two stitches in both his upper and lower lip. He'll be out of work for a few days, as is Bill Morley who is sick. Richard is planning his first vacation since becoming the Police Chief. He asked the Board about **COMPENSATION** for the Officer who takes his place. He said that he checked and, in some Towns, the Officer receives half the difference between the Chief's pay and the Officer's pay. The Board decided that they want to continue with the former practice of paying the Officer one dollar more an hour.

FIRE: Wally said that he wanted to thank a lot of people for all their help during the **PROPANE INCIDENT** last Wednesday. He thanked the Police Department, the Rescue Squad, the Highway Department and Water and Light for the fantastic job that they all did. There were no traffic problems at all. Everyone did a great job. Wally brought the news from the Fire Department that they found out from Farrell that it will cost about \$500 to replace the motor on the **COMPRESSOR** which is already more than 30 years old, and it will cost \$200 to rebuild it. Wally said that he is not sure what other costs might be incurred during the replacement/repair. He tried and cannot open the bottom drain in the tank. They have not been able to drain it in 2 years. The consensus of the Board was to replace the motor. There was a question concerning the billing in the Propane accident. Wally told the Board that participation in any hazardous materials incident entitles them to reimbursement. On February 4, 1997 at 6:30 p.m. there will

NEW BUSINESS

Don moved and Steve seconded the motion to approve Bill Moulton's Comp Time Vouchers (3) for 16 hours on January 10, 11, 12 and 25, 1997. Passed.

Steve moved to sign the recognition letter for **ADAM SARTWELL**'s achievement of the Eagle Scout Award. Don seconded the motion. Passed.

The Board addressed the request of **SEN. JEAN ANKENY** to place a resolution on the ballot on Town Meeting. The resolution asks that Federal Government Redirect Money from the Military Budget to Meet Domestic Needs. The resolution will not be placed on the ballot.

The Board received word that Marcia Shafer will not be returning to work after March 29, 1997. There were conflicting accounts of the amount of work that needs to be done in the **LISTERS'** Office at this time. To settle the question, the Board will invite Raeburn Bates to the next regular meeting to discuss the workload.

Phil asked Bill what the policy is for getting sand from the Town Garage. Bill said that the **SAND POLICY** is that the sand is to be taken from the Village Garage, and not from the Town Garage. Sand is available in the Village.

Brian moved and it was seconded by Ken to sign the **CERTIFICATION OF HIGHWAY MILEAGE FOR AOT**. The old totals were corrected to include the Village miles. The new total with the addition of Gray Farm Road is 101.575 miles. Passed.

The members of the Selectboard who will be attending the **LOCAL GOVERNMENT DAY IN LEGISLATURE** on February 11, 1997 are Don, Steve and Ken.

The **VT VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY CHAPEL FUND** sent the Town a letter asking for a one time contribution of \$100 to be put toward building a non-denominational chapel at the Veterans Cemetery in Randolph, VT. There was a short discussion on whether they would need to submit a petition. Brian moved to send the VT Veterans Memorial Cemetery Chapel Fund a one time donation of \$100. Phil seconded the motion. It should be taken out of an appropriate fund. Passed. N-S.

The next Informational Meeting on the **PROPOSED COPLEY PARK** will be held March 17, 1997. The Board also want to schedule the Joint Meeting with the School Board on a Selectboard Meeting night, February 24, 1997. They will hold an abbreviated meeting in the Conference Room first.

The Selectboard reviewed the draft of the proposed Agreement in connection with **EVA PERRY'S PARCEL OF LAND**. There are several mentions of expense that the Town would incur. Don will discuss this matter with the parties involved.

A petition from the **NORTH COUNTY ANIMAL LEAGUE** was received timely by the Selectboard, but could not be considered correct and complete. NCAL will be notified of the situation.

Phil went to the Side Judges' meeting last week. Those attending agreed to add \$5000 to the budget to upgrade the telephone system that was damaged by acid in the accident. They also agreed to an additional \$5000 for a study on the jail. This study will provide plans so that the Judges can go to Montpelier with something when they ask for money to help with the construction. The Court needs more room.

Steve made a motion, seconded by Ken, to adjourn. Passed. 8:10 p.m.