TOWN OF MORRISTOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 7, 2002

Members Present:	Brian Greenia, James Paige, Donald Anderson, Lee Sturtevant and Mark Struhsacker
Department Heads:	Paul D. McGinley, Bill Moulton, Richard Keith, Bud Geary, Wally Reeve and Mary Ann Wilson
Guests:	Heidi Krantz, Amy Noyes, Julia Compagna, Sonny Demars, Sandi Utton, Mike Stafford, Lucy Leriche of LHP and Copley Health Care Executives Peter Wright, Marketing Director, Dan Ayers, Chief Operating Officer and Warren West, President and CEO

Chair, Brian Greenia called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM in the Municipal Conference Room and asked Copley Health Care representatives to give their presentation.

GUESTS

COPLEY HEALTH CARE:

Peter Wright, Marketing Director explained that the seven different companies involved with Copley Hospital have combined and formed one board as Copley Health Care. A new organizational structure has been designed. Under the Board of Trustees will be the CEO/President along with the Foundation and Medical Staff. Clinical, Financial and Operations make up the three remaining categories with Department Heads reporting to the CEO/President.

Copley's service area covers a population of 37,167. Their primary area is Lamoille County, Waterbury and Hardwick with the surrounding towns as their secondary area.

A Strategic Planning Committee, with the help of sub-committees who gather data, has been formed to develop a plan to reach their long-term goals. Copley representatives will present an update to the Selectboard later in March.

SPRING STREET DISCONTINUANCE HEARING:

The Selectboard asked Sonny Demars to give a brief review of his request. Sonny explained that Spring Street would be used as a private access to the Demars Home Health property and Copley Hospital, who now own the former Demars house. Necessary easements for water etc. would be provided. The original request was made to allow additional parking for the Home Health employees.

On a motion by Don Anderson, seconded by James Paige, the Selectboard voted to authorize the expenditure of $12,000 of MDF funds to be used as match monies for the VCDP grant application due on February 5, 2002.

Julia Compagna questioned the use of MDF funds and was informed that this had been researched previously and was clarified in the minutes of the December 10th Selectboard meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

MINUTES:

On a motion by Don Anderson, seconded by Lee Sturtevant, the Selectboard voted to accept the minutes of the December 10, 2001 meeting as presented.

MFD – FIRE TRUCK PURCHASE REQUEST:

Wally Reeve gave an overview of his request for the Selectboard to place an article in the warning of the March 2002 Town Meeting to replace "Engine One". He requested $250,000 for the purchase of a new reel truck, which would allow MFD to provide coverage for simultaneous alarms and it could also serve as a water supply. Wally provided the Selectboard with information he received on available second hand equipment, that he felt was not appropriate to fill the needs of the department.

Discussion included: the size requirements of the truck (to be able to park in the Fire Station), pumping ability 1500/gal/min (because the other unit is 1500/gal/min and should be the same) and the difference in costs for a reel ($15,000 approx.). At a previous meeting an AWD chassis and foam system were discussed. Other topics included the number of structure fires (4) responded to last year, other equipment which may need to be replaced over the next four years, the number of years to finance this purchase, terms and form of bond were also discussed.

Selectboard members favored listing an article in the warning vs. the MFD soliciting a petition. The Town Administrator suggested the Selectboard look at the overall list of equipment requests from all departments and would provide this list for next Monday's special budget meeting.

HIGHWAY STRUCTURES PROGRAM:

A Highway Structure Application sent to VTRANS in December was lost enroute. The State requires an original signature page and requested the Selectboard to sign again.

"Shall the legislature be urged to change Vermont's voting law for statewide elections, which currently can result in no candidate receiving a majority and thus the selection of a governor by the legislature instead of the voters; and replace it with a system that allows voters to rank their choices so that, without the need for a separate runoff election, the candidate preferred by a majority of voters is elected?"

The Selectboard stated the Town has not done this in the past and will not do so now as it does not pertain to Town Meeting business.

VTRANS 2002 CERTIFICATE OF HIGHWAY MILEAGE:

VTrans submitted a Certificate of Highway Mileage for the Selectboard's completion and signatures. This certificate is used to determine and distribute state aid for Town Highways. There were no changes in mileage from the previous year.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT CONCERNS:

Lee stated Dave Hoisington has contacted him with concerns about insurance coverage due to the Vermont Supreme Court decision that a snowplow operator can be sued personally. The TA stated, "we have checked with our insurance company and we are OK now and will follow through on getting done what needs to happen". Dave also has contacted Senators Bartlett and Scott.

AGREEMENT FOR USE OF MW&L COMMON ROOM:

Don requested an agreement be written and signed by both parties for the use of the Morrisville Water & Light Common Room and/or Meeting Room facilities including the use of the Town's conference table and chairs. MW&L has already agreed to the Town's use of their facilities verbally. The Town Administration office will draw up an agreement.

MODERATOR:

Peter Wilder has confirmed that he will not run for moderator at this year's Town Meeting. David Polow has expressed interest in this position and Mary Ann recommended that a Board member contact him. Mark volunteered to contact David.

be listed first this year. Numbering of the Articles will be determined after the Selectboard has finalized the list of articles to be placed in the warning.

- PAVING AT THE UNION BANK PARKING LOT:

Bill gave a brief update regarding maintenance issues and paving of the parking lot. The Town will be responsible for costs to pave Bank Street with the Bank responsible for the balance of the paving costs. The Union Bank has requested to have the paving done on a weekend if possible. Bill stated that he would like to wait until the cost of hot mix is known.

- PORTLAND STREET SIDEWALK GRANT PROJECT:

Paul met with Curtis Johnson of AOT and walked the site for the proposed Portland Street Sidewalk project. He explained that the project cannot be constructed as originally planned and the necessary changes will add to the costs. The Selectboard asked Bill for his opinion of the project and he recommended the project be dropped. Brian asked Paul to check with the State to see if there are additional funds or other alternatives before they pull the plug on the project.

JOINT SELECTBOARD, MPC AND DRB MEETING:

Due to the conflict of the joint Board meeting on January 15th and the Lamoille County Budget meeting, it was decided that Lee and Don will attend the Lamoille County Budget meeting and Mark, Jim and Brian will attend the joint Board meeting so the Selectboard will be represented at both meetings.

PLEASANT VIEW CEMETERY INVESTMENTS:

The investment literature that has been received regarding PVC investments will be discussed at a future meeting. Mary Ann asked the Selectboard to consider a three-person committee vs. one person as Trustee of Public Funds.

WARRANTS

On a motion by Jim Paige, seconded by Lee Sturtevant, the Board unanimously approved the Warrants as listed on the Memorandum dated 12/21/01. (Attached)

On a motion by Lee Sturtevant, seconded by Don Anderson, the Board unanimously approved the Warrants as listed on the Memorandum dated 01/07/02. (Attached)

Memorandum

To: Selectboard

From: Carol L. Bradley, Bookkeeper

Date: 12/21/01

Re: Warrants presented for signature on December 26, 2001

General Fund:

Warrant #01-25- PR Related Invoices from pd 12/19/01	$ 5,105.36
Warrant #01-26 – AP Unpaid Invoices due 12/26/01	$110,459.24
Payroll Warrant for pay period ending 12/15/01 -Pd 12/19/01	$ 35,759.35

Other Funds: