TOWN OF MORRISTOWN
18 LOWER MAIN STREET
MORRISVILLE, VERMONT 05661-0748

BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY MEETING
Monday, the 30th day of October, 2000, at 12:00 P.M.
Town Clerk's Office

Members present: Alan Deuso, Lee Sturtevant, Tom Hirchak, Steve Leach, Margaret Lambert, Jane Greene, Theresa Breault, Ken Campbell, Lynn Miller, Francis Favreau and Mary Ann Wilson.

1. Pursuant to Title 17 V.S.A., Section 2142, the board voted to revise the checklist for the General Election to be held on November 7, 2000. On a motion by Theresa with a second by Peg, the additions were approved as presented. (See list attached.) On a motion by Lee with a second by Alan, the deletions were approved as presented. (See list attached.) Additionally, three voters had been removed from the checklist in error. On a motion by Theresa, with a second by Jane, the names of Leslie Porter, Jonathan Greenia and Francine Valcour were approved for reinstatment to the voter checklist.

2. Pursuant to Title 24 V.S.A., Section 1535, the board considered abatement of real estate and personal property taxes assessed. The Listers presented the following abatements:

   a. Parrcel #90211 Village Manor Care Home $21.30.
   There has been no equipment on the premise since August 1999. The property owner advised the Listers, but correction was not made. On a motion by Lee with a second by Peg, the Board voted affirmatively to abate $21.30.

   b. Parcel # 90153 Natural Foods (Sharon Nepveu) $16.38.
   Property owner had advised Listers that there had been no equipment on the premise for the past two years, but correction was not made. On a motion by Lee with a second by Steve, the Board voted affirmatively to abate $16.38.

   c. Parcel # 23233 Joanne Harrison and Judith Wrend $58.32.
   By a letter to the Listers, the property owners informed them that a portion of their property had been conveyed away in 1968, yet was still showing on the current tax maps. The Listers have since corrected the error and sent the mapping changes into the mappers. Ms. Harrison and Ms. Wrend have been taxed on .26 acres that

does not belong to them, and they are requesting abatement of taxes for the current year and a credit for a portion of those taxes that had been overpaid for 18 years. Steve moved to abate taxes in the amount of $58.32. Motion seconded by Lee. After discussion, motion was voted affirmatively by the board.

d. Parcel #70050 Aaron & Addie Bradley $795.86.
These taxes were assessed for a mobile home that the Bradley's purchased in March 2000. However, the home was never placed on a lot until May 2000, making it ineligible for taxing for the 2000 Grand List. On a motion by Lee, with a second by Peg, the board voted unanimously to abate $795.86.

e. On a motion by Steve, with a second by Francis, the board approved the abatement of $24.70 to eliminate small balances left over from the 1999 tax year. This also included the amount of $22.76 for equipment listed in error on Parcel # 99038, Goodway Records.

3. A scheduled hearing before the board allowed property owner Jill Vize to request an abatement on property she acquired from her husband – parcel # 23019. Ms. Vize took possession of the property on August 17, 2000 through a Quick Claim Deed. Prior to that she had not lived in the house for several years, and she was under the impression that she had relinquished her ownership in the property through a Quick Claim Deed that she signed in 1996. This deed was never recorded in the Morristown land records, and her name remained on the deed. For the tax year 1999-2000, Mr. Willey was unable to pay any part of the tax bill, and delinquent tax proceedings commenced. When Ms. Vize was made aware of the amount due and her responsibility, she requested abatement of $1,686.03 in delinquent taxes according to criteria under Title 24, V.S.A. Section 1535 (a)(3 & 4). Lee made the motion, seconded by Francis, that the B.C.A. abate $1,686.03. After discussion and a call for the vote, the motion failed. No abatement was granted. Ms. Vize was informed of her options in paying off the delinquent taxes prior to a future tax sale

4. Scheduling for poll-workers for the General Election of 11-7-00 was set.

With no other business to come before the board, Ken moved for adjournment, seconded by Peg. Meeting adjourned at 12:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Wilson

Mary Ann Wilson, Clerk