



SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 27, 2023

Members: Judy Bickford, Don McDowell, Chris Palermo, Travis Sabatase, Laura Streets*

Absent:

ADMINISTRATION and STAFF: Eric Dodge, Town Administrator; Judi Alberi, Administrator's Assistant; Mitzi Fleming*, Assistant Town Clerk/Treasurer; Stacey Ferriman*, Assistant Finance Director

PARTICIPANTS/GUESTS: Tom Cloutier, Martin Green, Mary Goderuis, Sheila Tarbox, Tony Cote, Ed Loewenton, David Ring, Kathy Chaffee*

**participating via Zoom*

CALL SELECTBOARD MEETING TO ORDER

Judy Bickford called the Selectboard Meeting to order at 6:00PM at the Tegu Building.

AGENDA CHANGES/ADDITIONS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Sign Warning for budget revote election

Motion made by Travis Sabatase to approve the Town Warning for the budget revote election for June 6th, 2023. Motion seconded by Don McDowell. Motion carried (4/0). Laura Streets was present on Zoom just after the vote was taken.

2. Board discussion on public outreach surrounding the budget

Judy Bickford asked the Selectboard members if they supported the budget and were going to vote for the budget. All members expressed their support and intent to vote for the budget.

Discussions surrounding the outreach to folks regarding the budget had many suggested ways of supporting this idea including: Posting FAQ to the Town Website, Front Porch Forum, Morristown Facebook Account, News & Citizen articles, and Coffee with no more than 2 board members to answer questions. Judy Bickford wants other members to be careful not to conduct business while having coffee with citizens. The board members are advocating for accurate information to be presented to the citizens. There are times when citizens' opinions are posted on Front Porch Forum and that muddies the waters and confuses citizens.

Citizens in attendance this evening were interested in discussing the salaries/wages and COLA/CPIW increases that are part of the budget. The Selectboard members listened to the concerns.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Don McDowell to adjourn. Motion seconded by Travis Sabatano. Motion carried. (5/0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:08pm

Submitted and filed this April 27, 2023 .

Judi Alberi, Scribe

Please note all minutes are in Draft form and are subject to approval at the next Selectboard meeting.