



**TOWN OF MORRISTOWN SELECTBOARD
MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA
COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM**

On Zoom and at 43 Portland St. Morrisville, VT 05661
5:30 PM Tuesday, January 16, 2024

[Join Zoom Meeting](#) or by phone join via conference call (audio only): 1 (646) 558-8656 | Meeting ID: [810 342 4528](#) | The meeting will be live streamed on the [Town GMATV YouTube Channel](#) when possible

I. 5:30PM - CALL SELECTBOARD MEETING TO ORDER

II. 5:31PM - AGENDA CHANGES/ADDITIONS

III. 5:32PM - APPROVE MINUTES

1. Approve minutes of SB Meeting 1-2-24
2. Approve minutes of Community Mtg Day 1-6-24
3. Approve minutes of SB Budget Review 1-8-24

IV. 5:37PM - NEW BUSINESS

1. AOT - Mileage Certificate
2. Town Manager Search update
3. Communications with the Press Policy - Draft
4. Quit Claim Deed of Easement - McKinley, Review /Authorize
5. Town Warning Review
6. Mailing of annual school ballots
7. Town Plan Revision

V. 6:07PM - OLD BUSINESS

VI. 6:09PM - APPROVE WARRANTS

VII. 6:11PM - COMMUNITY COMMENTS

VIII. 6:17PM - SCHEDULE

1. Monday, Jan 29th at 5:30PM Warning Approval
Monday, Jan 29th at 5:45PM Charter Comm Meeting
Monday, Feb 5th at 5:30PM SB Meeting
Monday, Feb 26th at 5:30PM Informational Meeting

IX. 6:20PM - OTHER BUSINESS

X. 6:22PM - ADJOURN



**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
OF JANUARY 2, 2024**

Members: Judy Bickford, Don McDowell*, Christopher Palermo, Laura Streets, Richard Craig

Absent:

ADMINISTRATION and STAFF: Carrie Johnson, Interim Town Manager; Judi Alberi, Executive Assistant; Sara Haskins, Town Clerk/Treasurer

PARTICIPANTS/GUESTS: Tom Cloutier, Martin Green, Laura Green, Tony Cote, Sheila Tarbox

**participating via Zoom*

5:30 - CALL SELECTBOARD MEETING TO ORDER

Judy Bickford called the Selectboard Meeting to order at 5:30PM at the Tegu Building.

5:31 - AGENDA CHANGES/ADDITIONS

There was an addition to the Executive Session to add Legal in addition to Contracts.

5:32 - APPROVE MINUTES

Motion made by Chris Palermo to approve the minutes of 12/18/23. Motion seconded by Richard Craig . Motion carried. (5/0)

1. Approve minutes 12-18-23

Motion made by Chris Palermo to approve the minutes of 12/18/23 with amendments. Motion seconded by Richard Craig . Motion carried. (5/0)

Amendments as follows:

Under New Business, section 5 Charter Committee. Change the word in the first sentence from determined to recommended.

5:35 - NEW BUSINESS

1. Board of Liquor & Tobacco Control

- 1. Liquor License Renewals**
- 2. Tobacco License Renewals**

Motion made by Chris Palermo to recess the Selectboard meeting and open the Board of Liquor & Tobacco Control Meeting. Motion seconded by Richard Craig. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Chris Palermo to approve the liquor license renewals as presented. Motion seconded by Laura Streets. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Chris Palermo to approve the tobacco license renewals as presented. Motion seconded by Richard Craig. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Chris Palermo to adjourn the Board of Liquor & Tobacco Control Meeting. Motion seconded by Laura Streets. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Chris Palermo to reconvene the Selectboard meeting. Motion seconded by Richard Craig. Motion carried. (5/0)

Chief Jason Luneau did not express any issues with any renewals in his earlier visit at the Town Offices on January 2, 2024.

2. Town Meeting Petitions

Sara Haskins, Town Clerk, informed the Selectboard and citizens regarding the need for people who plan to run for local candidates to file a petition before the established deadline with the number of signatures required. This information will be on the website and in the Town Clerk's office.

3. Private Family Burial Site Form

Motion made by Richard Craig to approve the revised Private Family Burial Site Form as presented. Motion seconded by Chris Palermo. Motion carried. (5/0)

5:55 - OLD BUSINESS

Judy Bickford thanked Sara Haskins and Judi Alberi for their work on revising the Morristown website. This change offered many improvements including navigation of the website and the staff's new email addresses.

5:56 - APPROVE WARRANTS

Motion made by Chris Palermo to approve the warrants. Motion seconded by Laura Streets . Motion carried. (5/0)

5:58 - COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Discussion concerned clarifying the Front Porch Form post on the budget and sidewalk snow management. Tom Cloutier requested a vote allowing him to speak again.

Chair Judy Bickford called for a voice vote that would allow Tom Cloutier to speak again. 1 Ayes (Laura Streets) 4 Nays (Judy Bickford, Chris Palermo, Richard Craig, Don McDowell)

6:10 - SCHEDULE

- 1. Saturday, Jan 6th at 8:30-11:30AM at PA Gym - Community Meeting Day**
Monday, Jan 8th at 5:30PM Budget Review
Tuesday, Jan 16th at 5:30PM SB Meeting
Monday, Jan 29th at 5:30PM Warning Approval
Monday, Jan 29th at 5:45PM Charter Committee Meeting

The town schedule of future meetings was presented and will be updated monthly. The Community Meeting Day on January 6, 2024 will be modeled after the town meeting in March. However, this meeting's purpose is to allow the community to have the availability of the town officers for

community input, and the charter and local option tax will not be discussed at this time.

6:15 - OTHER BUSINESS

Motion made by Chris Palermo to go into Executive session at 6:17pm. Motion seconded by Richard Craig. Motion carried. (5/0)

1. Executive Session - Contracts & Legal

Motion made by Chris Palermo to go into Executive session because I find that premature general public knowledge of the pending contract and legal will clearly place the Town at a disadvantage. Motion seconded by Richard Craig. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Chris Palermo to go into Executive session to discuss pending contracts and legal under provisions of Title 1, Section 313(a)(1) of the Vermont Statutes and to include Interim Town Manager, Carrie Johnson. Motion seconded by Richard Craig. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Chris Palermo to come out of Executive session at 7:00PM. Motion seconded by Richard Craig. Motion carried. (5/0)

6:30 - ADJOURN

Motion made by Chris Palermo to adjourn. Motion seconded by Richard Craig. Motion carried. (5/0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:01PM

Submitted and filed on January 8, 2024.

Bonnie McDermott, Scribe

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SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 6, 2024

Members: Judy Bickford, Don McDowell, Christopher Palermo, Laura Streets, Richard Craig

Absent:

ADMINISTRATION and STAFF: Carrie Johnson, Interim Town Manager; Judi Alberi, Executive Assistant; Shap Smith, Moderator; Tina Sweet, Finance Director; Sara Haskins, Town Clerk/Treasurer

PARTICIPANTS/GUESTS: Ruth Brown, Nina Church, Tony Cote, Nancy Banks, Julia Compagna, Tom Stames, Tom Cloutier, Janet Paine, Julie Pickett, Bob Bortree, Mason Kemerer, Seth Costa, Tom Snipp, Ron Stancliff, Peter Bourne, Nate Beyer, Martin Green, Alison Calderara, Becky Gonyea, Amy Touchette, Damien Brink, Tracy Patnoe, Julia Skonicki, Kathy Demars, Lucy Lerich, Heather Hobart, Nicole Fournier Grisgraber, Imelda Turner, Stephanie Drus-Sheldon, Tasha Green, Theresa Snow

**participating via Zoom*

9:00AM - CALL COMMUNITY MEETING TO ORDER

1. Moderator, Shap Smith, will review the rules of procedure

Shap Smith called the meeting to order at 9AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Boy Scout Troup #876 and the National Anthem was sung by Peoples Academy Middle School Chorus. Shap introduced the panel consisting of Selectboard members, Interim Town Manager, Carrie Johnson and Finance Director, Tina Sweet. Shap went on to thank the Morrisville Soccer Club Eurotrip for serving pie and the folks that made today possible with the room and equipment.

Shap made folks aware of the rules of procedure for the meeting and thanked folks for attending.

9:05AM - NEW BUSINESS

1. 9:06AM - Discuss Budget summary and Town Financials

9:36AM - Questions from citizens

Finance Director, Tina Sweet presented the budget changes being proposed for FY 24/25.

General Government:

Insurance: Property, workers' comp and unemployment insurance increased \$25,000. Salaries and Benefits: Increased salary for a Town Manager instead of a Town Administrator of \$24,440. Health insurance increased an average of 12.7% across all departments. Board of Civil Authority: Increased \$4,306 due to increased elections this year. Communications/Computers: Increased office supplies and copier expenses to reflect more current usage and pricing, Software Programs increased \$9,205 due to new Kofax accounts payable software implementation. Will decrease in future years. Other Purchased Services for minute taking increased \$1,500 based on more meetings in the future needing this service. NEMRC (New England Municipal Resource Center) software/maintenance increased \$1,400.

Things that decreased: Network Systems, e-mail licenses, website, internet, and cell phones. Auditing: Auditors decreased by \$3,750 due to no single audit expected. Maintain Government Buildings: Mowing Town Properties increased \$20,000 because we are contracting to do these services instead of doing them inhouse, Library Maintenance increased \$7,500 due to service contracts and repairs needed – previously this expense was combined with the Tegu building. Heating Oil and Streetlight expenses were decreased by \$4,889. Miscellaneous: County Tax increased by 9.5%. Appropriations – Budgeted: Library increased by 9.5%. Uncompensated Absences: Increased by \$12,000 in anticipation of paying employees that are retiring this year.

Police:

Crime Investigation: Increased \$4,000 for hiring an Animal Control Officer. Communications/Technology: Increased \$6,000 for the purchase of one radio. Dispatch costs increased \$8,175. Maintain Vehicles/Equipment: Gas increased \$6,898.

Fire:

Personal Protective Clothing: Increased \$15,000 due to not purchasing very much this year. Communications/Technology: Increased \$13,000 for the purchase of three radios. Dispatch costs increased by \$8,175. Maintain Vehicles/Equipment: Repair and Maintenance Services increased \$25,000 due to the age of our equipment.

EMS:

Personnel: Increase in costs due to reconfiguration of staff. Now 5 full-time positions and 5 part-time positions-instead of 4 full-time and 6 part-time. This should reduce overtime. Replacement Equipment: Increased \$29,675 for the purchase of 10 radios. Building Repair/Maintenance Services: Increased \$14,200 for kitchen improvements and resealing and repairing areas of the parking lot. Maintain Vehicles & Equipment: Machinery & Equipment Replacement increased \$40,000 for the purchase of a new monitor/defibrillator. Payments for the new ambulance increased \$75,000.

Highway:

Trucks & Equipment: Fuel decreased \$15,700 due to estimating less usage. Grader blades decreased \$10,500 due to purchasing more efficient carbide blades. Repairs and Maintenance Services decreased \$30,000 due to purchasing seven-year warranties for all new equipment. Summer Maintenance: Line Painting decreased by \$12,000 due to parking lot stripping done last year. Hot Mix increased \$10,000 due to paving not being done and the cost increases. Chipping/ tree trimming decreased by 100% as we are not planning to do chipping this year. Capital Infrastructure Improvements decreased \$50,000. We now have a Bridge/Infrastructure fund to use for bigger projects. Sidewalk Construction: Decreased \$50,000. We may utilize other funds for this item. Operating/Maintaining Buildings: Decrease due to recategorizing Duhamel Pit operations in its own category. Duhamel Pit: Pit maintenance increased \$5,000. Crushing decreased \$10,000. Sand decreased \$7,500. Gravel decreased \$7,500.

Revenue:

Licenses & Permits: Recording decreased \$5,000. Zoning permits decreased \$40,000. EMS: Fees increased \$34,800. Fees to cover Elmore increased \$4,500. Paramedic Intercept Fees increased \$5,000. Recreation: Summer program fees increased \$4,700. Other Financing Sources: Unallocated Fund Balance usage increased \$160,000.

Questions:

Most questions from the audience were regarding the sidewalks, tax rate, community gardens, oxbow conditions and the future of Oxbow due to the flooding. Oxbow Park has been a great community resource for kids and sports. There was support for the library and the arts in the community. We heard from citizens supporting the efforts by the various boards and the hope for a local option tax for a source of revenue.

2. 10:06AM - Presentation by Social Service Agencies

Many agencies were present and did brief presentations to the citizens describing what they provide for the community and how their tax dollars are needed.

Capstone Community Action - Alison Calderara

Clarina Howard Nichols Center - Becky Gonyea

Justice for Dogs - Amy Touchette

Lamoille Health Partners Community Center - Damien Brink

Lamoille County Special Investigation Unit - Tracy Patnoe

Lamoille Family Center - Julia Skonicki
Lamoille Home Health & Hospice - Kathy Demars
Lamoille Housing Partnership - Lucy Lerich
Lamoille Restorative Center - Heather Hobart
Meals on Wheels - Nicole Fournier Grisgraber
Morristown Centennial Library - Julie Pickett
Morristown Conservation Commission - Ron Stancliff
Northern Central Vermont Recovery Center - Imelda Turner
River Arts - Stephanie Drus-Sheldon
Rural Community Transportation - Tasha Green
Salvation Farms - Theresa Snow

3. 10:56AM - Petition Protocol update

Annual Meeting Candidates 2024

Morristown now votes all town officials by Australian Ballot. Candidates must submit a consent of candidate form and a nominating petition containing **30** signatures of Morristown registered voters. The deadline for submitting petitions is **5:00 PM on Monday, January 29, 2024.**

Town Open Positions

- Selectboard Member for a three (3) year term ending 2027
- Selectboard Member for a two (2) year term ending 2026
- Lister for a three (3) year term ending 2027
- Trustee of Public Funds for a three (3) year term ending 2027
- Library Trustee for a five (5) year term ending 2029

School Open Positions

- School Director for a three (3) year term ending 2027- Morristown Resident
- School Director for a three (3) year term ending 2027- Morristown or Elmore Resident

Petitions for Annual Meeting 2024

The Morristown Selectboard has adopted a **Social Service Agency Appropriation Policy**. Those social service agencies that have not had an appropriation request approved at the most recent annual town meeting, or that are requesting a larger appropriation than that approved at the most recent annual town meeting, must submit a petition for an article requesting an appropriation in accordance with 17 V.S.A. § 2642. The deadline for submitting petitions for the 2024 Annual Town Meeting is 4:00 PM on Thursday, January 18, 2024.

The petition must contain signatures of 5% of the Morristown voter checklist which is approximately 210 signatures.

Blank petitions and more information can be found on our new website: <https://www.morristownvt.gov/elections>

Questions contact: shaskins@morristownvt.gov or (802) 888-6370.

4. 10:57AM -Introduction of the new Town of Morristown Website

The Town has moved to a .gov website and email address for all Morristown employees. There is a notification system that will allow citizens to get notified of any and all news alerts and

events but you must enable the notifications that you want to receive. Visit www.morristownvt.gov and take a look at the new website. Call or email administration for help.

Town Clerk's office held a raffle during the meeting for dog tag #1. At the conclusion of town business, the raffle winner was drawn and dog tag #1 goes to Hershey Palermo.

10:57AM - OTHER BUSINESS

none

11:00AM - ADJOURN

Shap Smith adjourned the meeting at 11:10AM

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**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
OF JANUARY 8, 2024**

Members: Judy Bickford, Don McDowell, Christopher Palermo, Laura Streets, Richard Craig

Absent:

ADMINISTRATION and STAFF: Carrie Johnson, Interim Town Manager; Judi Alberi, Executive Assistant; Kevin Barrows, Highway Superintendent; Tina Sweet, Finance Director;

PARTICIPANTS/GUESTS: Kristin Marriott, Sheila Tarbox, Tom Cloutier, Tony Cote, Christy Snipp, Bob Bortree, Nancy Dunavan*, Jerry Throne*

**participating via Zoom*

5:30PM - CALL SELECTBOARD MEETING TO ORDER

Judy Bickford called the Selectboard Meeting to order at 5:30PM at the Tegu Building.

5:32PM - AGENDA CHANGES/ADDITIONS

None

5:33PM - NEW BUSINESS

1. 5:34PM - Review Capitol budget plan

Tina Sweet, Finance Director, spoke about the proposed Capitol Budget. The highway department is in need of new trucks. The town is paying off 2 vehicles and is planning on buying 3 vehicles. The Selectboard reviewed all equipment needed for the Highway, EMS, Police, and Fire. The police will be paying off 2 vehicles and obtaining 2 more vehicles this year. The fire department will be looking to purchase a new firetruck which has to be special ordered due to the size of the building. The general government capital budget will see a loan for Walton Rd Bridge through a bank.

2. 6:00PM - Review budget overview

Carrie Johnson, Interim Town Manager, led the Selectboard through the budget overview. Questions and comments were mostly regarding the Library appropriations and town taxes. There was support from the citizens for the library and the arts in Morristown. Selectboard member, Chris Palermo, spoke about the town employee salaries and how the Selectboard reached an agreement in union contracts to have a floor and ceiling of 2% - 4% for cost of living raises.

6:25PM - OTHER BUSINESS

None

6:30PM - ADJOURN

Motion made by Don McDowell to adjourn. Motion seconded by Richard Craig. Motion carried. (5/0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:01pm

Submitted and filed this January 8, 2024.

Bonnie McDermott, Scribe

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District 6
Certcode 0807-0

CERTIFICATE OF HIGHWAY MILEAGE
YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 2024

Fill out form, make and file a copy with the Town Clerk, and submit the Mileage Certificate on or before February 20, 2024 to: Vermont Agency of Transportation, Division of Policy, Planning and Intermodal Development, Mapping Section via email to: aot.mileagecertificates@vermont.gov or if necessary via mail to: VTrans PPAID - Mapping Section, 219 North Main Street, Barre VT 05641.

We, the members of the legislative body of MORRISTOWN in LAMOILLE County
on an oath state that the mileage of highways, according to Vermont Statutes Annotated, Title 19, Section 305,
added 1985, is as follows:

PART I - CHANGES TOTALS - Please fill in and calculate totals.

Town Highways	Previous Mileage	Added Mileage	Subtracted Mileage	Total	Scenic Highways
Class 1	3.053				
Class 2	15.410				
Class 3	73.67				
State Highway	14.756				
Total	106.889				
* Class 1 Lane	0.405				
* Class 4	9.39				
* Legal Trail	1.11				

* Mileage for Class 1 Lane, Class 4, and Legal Trail classifications are NOT included in total.

PART II - INFORMATION AND DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES SHOWN ABOVE.

1. **NEW HIGHWAYS:** Please attach Selectmen's "Certificate of Completion and Opening".

2. **DISCONTINUED:** Please attach SIGNED copy of proceedings (minutes of meeting).

3. **RECLASSIFIED/REMEASURED:** Please attach SIGNED copy of proceedings (minutes of meeting).

4. **SCENIC HIGHWAYS:** Please attach a copy of order designating/discontinuing Scenic Highways.

IF THERE ARE NO CHANGES IN MILEAGE: Place an X in the box and sign below.

PART III - SIGNATURES - PLEASE SIGN.

Signatures of Selectmen/ Aldermen/ Trustees:

Signature of T/C/V Clerk: _____ Date Filed: _____

Please sign ORIGINAL and return it for Transportation signature.

AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION APPROVAL: Signed copy will be returned to T/C/V Clerk.

APPROVED:

Representative, Agency of Transportation

DATE:



Communications with the Press Policy

The Town Manager or Selectboard Chair (or designee) are the official liaisons with the press which includes print, broadcast, and web information outlets. This will ensure consistent messaging. Please inform the reporter that you are referring them to the authorized Town spokesperson, who will respond to their request. The Town strives to be open and responsive to the press with news and information.

Please notify the Town Manager immediately if you receive a press inquiry. Do not grant an interview or provide any information.

When taking a call from the press, exhibit the same professionalism and courtesy that you would use with any other customer of the Town. Get as much information from the reporter as you can so that we can respond effectively.

This policy is in place to ensure that the press and public are given timely, accurate, and relevant information about the Town of Morristown.

All media contacts should be referred to the Town Manager or Selectboard Chair:

Carrie Johnson, Interim Town Manager
Office: 802-888-5147 x224
Cell: 802-730-9496
Email: interim@morristownvt.gov

Judy Bickford, Selectboard Chair
Cell: 802-585-9470
Email: jbickford@morristownvt.gov

If the Town Manager is unavailable, contact _____, Cell: XXX-XXX-XXXX

Approved **this** _____ **day of** _____, 2024:

Judy Bickford

Don McDowell

Christopher Palermo

Laura Streets

Richard Craig

QUITCLAIM DEED OF EASEMENT

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that the **Town of Morristown**, a Vermont municipal corporation in the County of Lamoille and State of Vermont, Grantor, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, does hereby convey, grant, and quitclaim unto **June H. McKinley, Trustee of The J.B. and June McKinley Family Trust u/t/a dated September 20, 2016**, of Elmore in the County of Lamoille and State of Vermont, Grantee, and her heirs, successors and assigns, certain rights and easement over certain lands and premises of the Grantor in the said Town of Morristown as follows:

Being a portion of Town Highway 529, and identified as "North River Street," on a survey plan entitled "Joseph B. McKinley, II and June H. McKinley (Subdivision), Lower Bridge Street and North River Street, Morrisville Village, Scale 1" = 20', November 2018, (mckinley)," dated November 3, 2018, as prepared by State of Vermont Registered Land Surveyor Allen J. Newton, Morrisville, Vermont, and recorded at Slide #361, Morristown Land Records. The interest conveyed herein is more particularly described as follows:

Being a non-exclusive easement for an existing encroachment onto North River Street (Town Highway 529) by a structure identified as "Existing Apart. Bldg." located on a parcel identified as "07-304 10034 sq. ft." as depicted on the above-referenced survey plan. Said structure is located on lands and premises conveyed to Joseph B. McKinley (now deceased) and June H. McKinley, Trustees of The J.B. and June McKinley Family Trust u/t/a dated September 20, 2016 by Quit Claim Deed of Joseph B. McKinley (now deceased) and June H. McKinley, Trustees of The J.B. and June McKinley Family Trust u/t/a dated September 20, 2016 dated December 23, 2019 and recorded in Book 274, Page 26, Morristown Land Records, and being further described as Parcel One, 416 Bridge Street, Morristown, Vermont.

The easement to be enjoyed by the within Grantee, her heirs, successors, assigns and invitees.

Reference is hereby made to the above-mentioned deeds and their records and to all prior deeds and their records as they apply to and affect the lands and premises being conveyed for a more particular description of the easement herein conveyed.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD all right and title in and to said quitclaimed premises, with the appurtenances thereof, to the said **June H. McKinley, Trustee of The J.B. and June McKinley Family Trust u/t/a dated September 20, 2016**, and her heirs, successors and assigns forever. AND FURTHERMORE, the said **Town of Morristown** does for itself, its successors and assigns, covenant with the said **June H. McKinley, Trustee of The J.B.**

and June McKinley Family Trust u/t/a dated September 20, 2016, and her heirs, successors, and assigns, that from and after the ensealing of these presents, the said **Town of Morristown** will have and claim no right in or to the said quitclaimed premises.

WITNESS the hand and seal of the Grantor this ____ day of January 2024.

TOWN OF MORRISTOWN

By: _____
Judy Bickford, Selectboard Chair
Duly Authorized

STATE OF VERMONT
COUNTY OF LAMOILLE, SS.

At Morristown this ____ day of January 2024, Judy Bickford Selectboard Chair and Duly Authorized Agent for Town of Morristown personally appeared and she acknowledged this instrument, by her sealed and subscribed, to be her free act and deed, and the free act and deed of Town of Morristown.

Before me: _____
Notary Public

Draft do not record

VT Form
PTT-172

**VERMONT
PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX RETURN**

1-083-816-192
Confirmation number

For Town Use Only

TRANSFERORS (Sellers)

TOWN OF MORRISTOWN
43 PORTLAND STREET PO BOX 748
MORRISTOWN, VT 05661

TRANSFEREES (Buyers)

JB AND JUNE MCKINLEY FAMILY TRUST
876 BEACH ROAD
ELMORE, VT 05657

*Any additional transferors or transferees are listed at the bottom of this page

Date Acquired by Transferor: Jan-01-1901

Date of this Closing: Jan-31-2024

Land Size (acres): 0.00

Property Physical Location:

City/Town:

SPAN#

Check if property is located in
multiple cities or towns ☐

BRIDGE STREET

Morristown

414-129-11593

This sale did not involve land ☒

Buyer Seller relationship type:

If other, description:

If transfer is exempt from Property Transfer Tax: 02 - 32 V.S.A. § 9603 (2)

Interest in property: Easement/Row

If other, description:

If "undivided" percent of interest:

Type of building construction: None

If other, description:

Transferors use of property before transfer: Government Use

If other, description:

Transferees use of property after transfer: Government Use

If other, description:

Will the property be rented after transfer? No

Enrolled in the Current Use Program? No

Have development rights been conveyed separately? No

New owner elects to continue current use enrollment? No

Does the transferee hold title to any adjoining property: No

Value paid or transferred as defined in 32 V.S.A. § 9601(6)

\$0.00

Value paid or transferred for personal property

\$0.00

Value paid or transferred for real property

\$0.00

Tax Due

\$0.00

Preparer's Name: SARGENT LAW OFFIC

Preparer's Phone: (802) 888-2000

Preparer's Address: MORRISVILLE, VT 05661-0000

Preparer's E-mail: JULIA@SARGENTLAWVT.COM

Additional Transferor (S) / Transferee (B)

Do Not Send For Recording

Sensitive information file sheet

Confirmation number
1-083-816-192

Verification Code
xxhndb

TRANSFERORS (Sellers)

03-6000584

TOWN OF MORRISTOWN

43 PORTLAND STREET PO BOX 748

MORRISTOWN, VT 05661

TRANSFEREES (Buyers)

008-56-1843

JB AND JUNE MCKINLEY FAMILY TRUST

876 BEACH ROAD

ELMORE, VT 05657

Property Physical Location:

BRIDGE STREET

City/Town:

Morristown

Land Size (acres):

0.00

SPAN#:

414-129-11593

Date Acquired by Transferor: Jan-01-1901

Date of this Closing: Jan-31-2024

Was 2.5% VT Income tax withheld? No

If no - exemption claimed: Under penalties of perjury the Transferor(s) certify that at the time of transfer each Transferor was a resident of Vermont or an estate

If exemption 04 - Commissioners Certificate #:

Property Transfer Tax Exemption#: 02 - 32 V.S.A. § 9603 (2)

Land Gains Exemption #: 01 - 32 V.S.A. § 10002 (a)

Value paid or Transferred

Value paid or transferred \$0.00

Value paid or transferred for personal property \$0.00

Value paid or transferred for real property \$0.00

Special rate information for principal residence and exemption 99 filings \$0.00

Total amount of value eligible for special rate \$0.00

Tax Due on amount of value eligible for special rate \$0.00

If exemption 99 claimed, value taxed at 0.0125 \$0.00

Total Due on amount(s) of value eligible for special rates \$0.00

General rate, and total tax due

Tax Due on amount of value subject to the General Rate \$0.00

Total Tax Due \$0.00

Do Not Record

Additional Transferor (S) / Transferee (B) Information

WARNING
TOWN OF MORRISTOWN ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 5, 2024

The legal voters of the Town of Morristown are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Morristown Municipal Building, 43 Portland Street in said Town on March 5, 2024, at 7:00 a.m. to transact the following business by Australian ballot:

Legal voters are further warned that the Selectboard will hold a public informational hearing on Articles 1- at the Morristown Municipal Building, 43 Portland Street in said Town on Monday, February 26, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

The legal voters of the Town of Morristown are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting relative to said annual meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

ARTICLE 1: To elect all Town Officers required by law:

Moderator for a term of one (1) year
Two (2) Library Trustees term of five (5) years
Library Trustee term of 1-year remainder of (5) years
Lister for a term of three (3) years
Selectboard Member for a term of three (3) years
Selectboard Member for a term of two (2) years
Trustee of Public Funds for a term of three (3) years

ARTICLE 2: Shall the voters authorize payment of real and personal property taxes in two equal installments, with the due dates being November 15, 2024 and May 15, 2025 by physical delivery to the Town Treasurer before 4:00 pm on that date or delivery to the Municipal Office postmarked on or before that date?

ARTICLE 3: Shall the voters authorize total fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$9,749,825 of which \$7,732,740 shall be raised by taxes and \$2,017,085 by non-tax revenues?

ARTICLE 4: Shall the voters establish a reserve fund to be called the Municipal Building Capital Reserve Fund to be used for the purposes of the construction or improvement of municipal buildings and deposit approximately \$733,177 from the general fund surplus in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2804?

ARTICLE 5: Shall the voters authorize the purchase of a Class A pumper firetruck in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 to be financed over a period not to exceed ten (10) years?

ARTICLE 6: Shall the voters authorize raising taxes equal to one (1) cent on the Grand List approximately \$111,570 to be dedicated to a Morristown Fire Department Capital Equipment Fund?

ARTICLE 7: Shall the voters authorize raising taxes equal to one (1) cent on the Grand List approximately \$111,570 to be dedicated to a Morristown Highway Department Capital Equipment Fund?

- ARTICLE 8: Shall the voters authorize raising taxes equal to one-half (1/2) cent on the Grand List approximately \$55,785 to be dedicated to the Morristown Conservation Commission Fund?
- ARTICLE 9: Shall the voters authorize raising taxes equal to one-half (1/2) cent on the Grand List approximately \$55,785 to be dedicated to the Bridge, Sidewalk, and Infrastructure Reserve Fund?
- ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town of Morristown vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$900 for the support of Capstone Community Action, formerly known as Central Vermont Community Action Council, which helps Vermonters achieve economic sufficiency with dignity through individual and family development?
- ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town of Morristown vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$2,900 for the support of Central Vermont Adult Basic Education (CVABE) which is a community-based non-profit that provides free adult education and literacy services to out-of-school adults?
- ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town of Morristown vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$2,500 for the support of Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) which supports older adults and family caregivers to age with dignity, remain healthy, and stay active and connected to communities through a variety of programs and services?
- ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town of Morristown vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$1,750 for the support of Clarina Howard Nichols Center which works to end domestic and sexual violence, human trafficking, and stalking through advocacy, outreach and education, prevention, and social change?
- ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town of Morristown vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$1,000 for the support of Justice for Dogs which is a local animal rescue group helping only local dogs and cats when the need arises?
- ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town of Morristown vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$5,000 for the support of Lamoille County Food Share which is dedicated to providing food security for our neighbors in Lamoille County through a food pantry where families can come and receive basic food and other grocery items to stretch their food dollars?
- ARTICLE 16: Shall the Town of Morristown vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$1,000 for the support of Lamoille County Habitat for Humanity which builds perpetually affordable homes for low-income, hardworking families?
- ARTICLE 17: Shall the Town of Morristown vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$3,900 for the support of Lamoille County Mental Health/Community Connections which provides behavioral health services to residents of Lamoille County, including a 24/7 mobile crisis team?
- ARTICLE 18: Shall the Town of Morristown vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$3,375 for the support of Lamoille County Special Investigation Unit which responds to reports of child sexual abuse, adult sex assaults, serious child physical abuse, and abuse to vulnerable adults in Lamoille County?

- ARTICLE 19: Shall the Town of Morristown vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$4,000 for the support of Lamoille Day Services which provides adults with an alternative choice for long-term healthcare while remaining as independent as possible in the care setting of their choice?
- ARTICLE 20: Shall the Town of Morristown vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$3,000 for the support of Lamoille Family Center which offers services and programs that promote the well-being of Lamoille Valley children, youth and families, supporting them in meeting life's challenges through education, direct service, and advocacy?
- ARTICLE 21: Shall the Town of Morristown vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$15,000 for the support of Lamoille Health Partners Community Center which gives a starting point for kids, seniors, and neighbors to participate, serve, and strengthen themselves, their families, and our community?
- ARTICLE 22: Shall the Town of Morristown vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$15,681 for the support of Lamoille Home Health and Hospice which provides home and hospice care to residents of Morristown in their homes, keeping them out of hospitals and facilities?
- ARTICLE 23: Shall the Town of Morristown vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$1,000 for the support of Lamoille Housing Partnership which collaborates with communities to create and preserve quality affordable housing opportunities in Lamoille County for households earning lower and moderate incomes through employment or social security?
- ARTICLE 24: Shall the Town of Morristown vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$1,500 for the support of Lamoille Restorative Center (LRC-formerly known as Lamoille Court Diversion) which works with children, youth, and adults to prevent future involvement in the legal system, and uses restorative practices to keep those already involved from going deeper?
- ARTICLE 25: Shall the Town of Morristown vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$10,000 for the support of Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County whose mission is to improve health and enhance the quality of life for our community elders by providing nutritious meals and social interaction?
- ARTICLE 26: Shall the Town of Morristown vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$1,000 for the support of North Country Animal League (NCAL) which provides animal stray and surrender services, pet food assistance, adoption services, low-cost wellness clinics, and humane education programs to youth?
- ARTICLE 27: Shall the Town of Morristown vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$1,000 for the support of Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) whose volunteers help create a caring network of support to help older Vermonters continue to live independently while staying socially connected?
- ARTICLE 28: Shall the Town of Morristown vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$10,963 for the support of Rural Community Transportation (RCT) which provides public transportation services for everyone that are safe, reliable, accessible, and affordable to enhance the economic, social, and environmental health of the community?

ARTICLE 29: Shall the Town of Morristown vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$2,500 for the support of Salvation Farms which connects communities with local farms surplus production, collecting, processing, and distribute locally grown food that would otherwise never make it off farms in Vermont?

Dated this 29th day of January 2024

By the Selectboard of the Town of Morristown:

Judy Bickford

Don McDowell

Christopher Palermo

Laura Streets

Richard Craig

Attest:

Sara Haskins, Town Clerk

Received, filed and recorded this 30th of January 2024



SELECTBOARD MEMORANDUM

To: Selectboard
From: Sara Haskins, Town Clerk
Date: January 16, 2024
Subject: Mailing of annual school ballots

Suggested Motion:

Motion to approve the automatic mailing of annual school ballots to all active voters.

Attachments:

None

Morristown Benefits of Downtown Designation

Downtown Transportation Grants (only designated downtowns are eligible)

		Awarded	Total Cost
2008	Portland Street Sidewalks	\$33,000	\$66,000
2011	Sidewalk Improvements/Lamppost Project	\$32,866	\$90,941
2010	Pleasant Street Parking lot Renovations and Sidewalk Improvements	\$57,350	\$129,750
2009	East High & Main St	\$27,156	\$54,312
2006	Portland St. Sidewalk	\$73,725	\$147,450
2007	Copley St. Lights	\$25,000	\$50,000
2016	Bridge Street Signage & Sidewalk Replacement Project	\$10,115	\$32,720

Total = \$259,212

Tax Credits (only designated downtowns and villages are eligible)

	Awarded	Total Cost
2014 - 79 Lower Main Street -	\$5000	\$20,000
2014 - 84 Lower Main Street -	\$6763	\$27,050
2014 - 74 Portland Street -	\$55,525	\$141,300
2013 - 10 Railroad Street -	\$31,842	\$500,000
2013 - 18 Lower Main Street -	\$18,750	\$75,000
2013 - 53-63 Lower	\$233,500	\$5,375,000
2013 - 73 Main Street	\$10,047	\$109,800
2012 - 110 Portland Street	\$25,871	\$265,000
2012 - 74 Portland Street	\$63,150	\$307,500
2009 - 35 Portland Street	\$79,309	\$455,000
2008 - 74 Pleasant Street	\$57,388	\$788,000

Total = \$587,145

Municipal Planning Grants (all municipalities with regionally confirmed town plans may apply however priority consideration is given to state designated programs)

1999	\$7,500 - Downtown revitalization: post office location, design standards, enhancement needs.
2000	\$7,430 - Prepare feasibility study for extension of municipal storm water & sanitary sewers
2001	\$10,650 - Economic opportunity study for the commercial areas identify assets, improvements
2005	\$10,000 - Review and revise existing zoning bylaws and historic district boundaries
2006	\$9,250 - Develop design review guidelines and propose zoning regulations in Historic District
2007	\$11,575 - Revision of Morrisville/Morristown plan
2008	\$12,000 - Study of Motorized Non-Motorized Transportation Opportunities Feasibility Study
Total = \$68,405	

Vermont Community Development Program

Grant Identifier	Award Date	Completion Date	Award Amount	Other Resources Total	Project Description
IG-2011-Morristown-00016	06/14/2012		\$600,000	\$3,903,089	Deferred loan to Arthur's Main Street Housing Limited Partnership, formed by Housing Vermont and Lamoille Housing Partnership, to rehabilitate the former Arthur's Department Store property at 53-63 Lower Main Street into 18 units of rental housing on the second and third floors. As part of the larger project, commercial space, will be developed on the street level.
AM-2010-Morristown-00014	06/28/2011	06/30/2013	\$40,700	\$64,936	Subgrant to the Morristown Centennial Library to assist in bringing it into full compliance with state and federal accessibility requirements.
012304PG09	01/14/2005		\$0	\$0	Grant to assess the water distribution, sewage collection, electrical, and stormwater drainage systems and perform Phase I environmental site assessment at Pinecrest Mobile Home Park, which contains 53 lots. (WITHDREW GRANT)
012301PG05	04/05/2002	12/31/2003	\$28,900	\$22,000	Grant to develop a comprehensive downtown plan to apply for downtown designation which will include planning for the physical development of downtown properties, affordable housing, business, job creation & retention, and community facilities
012399IG08	10/20/1999	12/31/2001	\$450,000	\$1,492,000	Loan from Town to Lamoille Housing Partnership to rehab the Copley Manor Nursing Home in Morristown for the construction of a 20 unit residential care facility for persons with long term mental disability and to construct 2 apts.
012396PG06	06/24/1997	03/31/1999	\$40,000	\$14,500	Grant to determine the feasibility of Copley Health Systems converting the existing Manor Nursing Home structure into a community resource for low and moderate income elders and building a new nursing home facility.
a012393IG25	06/13/1995	06/30/1997	\$148,000	\$104,175	Grant to expand the Clarina Howard Nichols Center, a women's shelter which serves Lamoille County and all of Northern Vermont. 0
012394PG07	12/21/1994	06/30/1996	\$20,000	\$5,000	Grant for development of a Specialty Food Venture Center. 0 0
012388PG12	12/7/1992	06/30/1994	\$14,300	\$0	To establish the Lamoille Community Farm Center, a regional farm based center offering therapeutic, educational, environmental and recreational activities. 0
012386RD01	07/15/1986	03/31/1987	\$100,000	\$0	Loan funds to the Alginon Corporation for the purpose of manufacturing and distributing the Gemini Gas Conversion Unit to woodstove manufacturers. 0
012385PD06	07/19/1985	12/31/1986	\$15,000	\$0	Prepare a business plan for a new cannery. 0 0
012384CI09	02/22/1985		\$250,000	\$0	Loan funds to the Pratt-Read Corporation to allow Morrisville Water and Light Department to construct a substation and upgrade Morrisville's power supply, thus enabling Pratt-Read Corporation to expand its facilities.

Total = \$1,706,900

2003 – 2016 = \$1,115,700