



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

On Zoom and at 43 Portland St. Morrisville, VT 05661
5:30 PM Monday, January 29, 2024

This meeting will be held both remotely and in person. Available options to watch or join the meeting:

- **WATCH:** the meeting will be live streamed on the [Town GMATV YouTube Channel](#) when possible.
- **JOIN ONLINE:** [Join Zoom Meeting](#) or by phone join via conference call (audio only): 1 (646) 558-8656 | Meeting ID: [810 342 4528](#)
- **MUTE YOUR MICROPHONE:** When not speaking, please mute your microphone on your computer/phone.
- **RAISE YOUR HAND:** Click on the hand button feature to request to speak.
- **PROVIDE FULL NAME:** Please provide your full name whenever prompted.

NOTE: Selectboard members will discuss the agenda items before opening the discussion to the public. Comments from the public on the agenda items will be taken for two minutes per person with each person being allowed to speak a second time after every one in attendance has had a chance to be heard. The Community Comment agenda item provides an opportunity for the community members to speak once, for two minutes each, to share their perspective with the Selectboard. For topics raised that are not on the agenda, the Selectboard may answer a question, but one should not expect a two-way dialogue or any actions to be taken. The Board will listen carefully to inform if the topic may be included in future agendas.

I. CALL SELECTBOARD MEETING TO ORDER

II. AGENDA CHANGES/ADDITIONS

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Town Warning Review

IV. ADJOURN

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, March 5, 2024 to vote on the Articles herein set forth. Articles 1 thru 30 are to be voted on by Australian ballot. The polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.

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

Moderator for a term of one (1) year

Library Trustee term of five (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 \$9,746,564 of which \$7,729,479 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 Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund to be used for the purposes of the construction or improvement of municipal buildings and deposit up to \$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 fire truck 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 Bridge, Sidewalk, and Infrastructure Reserve Fund?

ARTICLE 9: Shall the voters appropriate \$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 10: Shall the voters appropriate \$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 11: Shall the voters appropriate \$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 12: Shall the voters appropriate \$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 13: Shall the voters appropriate \$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 14: Shall the voters appropriate \$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 15: Shall the voters appropriate \$1,000 for the support of Lamoille County Habitat for Humanity which builds perpetually affordable homes for low-income, hardworking families?

ARTICLE 16: Shall the voters appropriate \$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 17: Shall the voters appropriate \$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 18: Shall the voters appropriate \$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 19: Shall the voters appropriate \$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 20: Shall the voters appropriate \$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 21: Shall the voters appropriate \$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 22: Shall the voters appropriate 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 23: Shall the voters appropriate \$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 24: Shall the voters appropriate \$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 25: Shall the voters appropriate \$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 26: Shall the voters appropriate \$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 27: Shall the voters appropriate \$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 28: Shall the voters appropriate \$2,500 for the support of Salvation Farms which connects communities with local farms surplus production, collecting, processing, and distributing locally grown food that would otherwise never make it off farms in Vermont?

ARTICLE 29: Shall the voters appropriate \$5,000 for the support of Northern Central Vermont Recovery Center which provides a safe, welcoming, substance-free environment for individuals and families on their paths to lasting recovery from substance use disorder?

ARTICLE 30: Shall the voters appropriate \$6,000 for the support of River Arts with a mission of arts for everyone, ensuring that arts is accessible to all, regardless of race, gender expression, age, ability, or financial means?

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