



**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, February 26, 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 INFORMATIONAL HEARING TO ORDER

1. Town Warning Overview

II. 6:00PM - CALL THE SELECTBOARD MEETING TO ORDER

III. 6:01PM - AGENDA CHANGES/ADDITIONS

IV. 6:02PM - APPROVE MINUTES

1. Approve minutes 2-5-24

V. 6:04PM - NEW BUSINESS

1. Board of Liquor & Tobacco Control
 1. Approve Liquor License Renewals
 2. Approve Tobacco License Renewals
2. Long term flood protection - LCPC, Seth Jensen
3. Sara Haskins, MasterMunicipal Clerk (MMC)

VI. 6:15PM - OLD BUSINESS

VII. 6:17PM - WARRANTS

VIII. 6:20PM - COMMUNITY COMMENTS

IX. 6:25PM - SCHEDULE

1. Monday, March 11th at 5:30PM SB Organizational Meeting
Monday, March 18th at 5:30PM SB Meeting
Monday, April 1st at 5:30PM SB Meeting

X. 6:28PM - OTHER BUSINESS

XI. 6:30PM - 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 on March 5, 2024 from 7am – 7pm to transact the following business by Australian ballot:

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 art 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



**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
OF FEBRUARY 5, 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

PARTICIPANTS/GUESTS: Martin Green, Laura Green, Bob Heanue, Scott Johnstone, Sheila Tarbox, Tom Cloutier, Etienne Hancock, Christy Snipp, Tony Cote, Officer Bruce Emerson, Tricia Follert*

**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.

5:31PM - AGENDA CHANGES/ADDITIONS

None

5:32PM - APPROVE MINUTES

1. Approve minutes 1-16-24

Motion made by Don McDowell to approve the minutes of 1/16/24. Motion seconded by Chris Palermo. Motion carried (5/0).

2. Approve minutes 1-29-24

Motion made by Don McDowell to approve the minutes of 1/29/24. Motion seconded by Chris Palermo. Motion carried. (5/0)

5:35PM - NEW BUSINESS

1. Board of Liquor & Tobacco Control

1. Liquor License Renewals
2. Tobacco License Renewals

Motion made by Don McDowell to recess the selectboard meeting. Motion seconded by Chris Palermo. Motion carried. (5/0)

Applicant	Location	First Class	Second Class	Third Class	Outside Consumption
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Black Diamond Barbeque, LLC	639 Morristown Corners	x		x	x
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Applicant	Location	Tobacco	Tobacco Substitute Endorsement
Global Montello Group Corp DBA Jiffy Mart #686	302 VT Route 15 W	x	

Motion made by Don McDowell to approve the Liquor License and Tobacco License renewals as presented. Motion seconded by Chris Palermo. Motion carried. (5/0)

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

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

2. Assistant Health Officer Appointment

Bruce Emerson, retired from a full-time position with the Stowe police department and has accepted the Asst. Health Officer Appointment.

Motion made by Don McDowell to appoint Bruce Emerson as Deputy Health Officer. Motion seconded by Chris Palermo. Motion carried (5/0).

3. Animal Control Officer Appointment

Bruce has also accepted the animal control officer (ACO) position and is present at the meeting this evening to answer questions. The Town Manager has the authority to hire the ACO so a motion is not required.

4. Town Plan Update

The Selectboard would like to move the town plan forward and respectfully request the planning council (PC) address the technical issues that prevented regional town plan approval. The SB has the authority to ask the PC to address only those technical issues (in the interest of time). To foster a more productive meeting, Scott Johnstone, Tasha Wallis, from Lamoille County Planning Commission (LCPC) and Etienne Hancock, PC Chair attended the meeting this evening. Carrie Johnson introduced a revision to the language of the transportation section in the Town Plan. Tasha Walls (LCPC) indicated that the language change was acceptable. Etienne Hancock, chair of the Planning Council, agreed to move forward with the amendment to the transportation section of the Town Plan with direction from the SB to do so. Scott Johnstone indicated to the Selectboard that the Village Trustees seem to be in agreement with the SB and the language change.

Statute on town plan approval:

(f) The planning commission may make revisions to the proposed plan or amendment and to any written report, and shall thereafter submit the proposed plan or amendment and any written report to the legislative body of the municipality. However, if requested by the legislative body, or if a proposed amendment was supported by a petition signed by not less than five percent of the voters of the municipality, the planning commission shall promptly submit the amendment, with changes only to correct technical deficiencies, to the legislative body of the municipality, together with any

recommendation or opinion it considers appropriate. Simultaneously with the submission, the planning commission shall file with the clerk of the municipality a copy of the proposed plan or amendment, and any written report, for public review.

Motion made by Don McDowell to accept the change in language in the transportation section of the town plan. Motion seconded by Chris Palermo. Motion carried (5/0).

5. Highway Garage Feasibility Study

Local resident, Jerry Throne, was present to discuss the recent project in which he was the project manager, Town of Elmore new garage build. The Selectboard appreciated Jerry's input that he provided. The Town of Morristown Department of Public Works Garage Feasibility Study Request for Proposal was approved by the Select Board.

6:15PM - OLD BUSINESS

1. Communication with the Press Policy - Final

Motion made by Don McDowell to accept the Communications with the Press Policy. Motion seconded by Chris Palermo. Motion carried (4/1) Laura Streets Nay

2. Certificate of no appeal or suit pending Grand List

Motion made by Chris Palermo to accept the Certificate of No Appeal or Suit Pending to be signed by the Select Board by the end of the week. Motion seconded by Don McDowell. Motion carried (5/0).

6:18PM - WARRANTS

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

6:19PM - COMMUNITY COMMENTS

There were no comments.

6:24PM - SCHEDULE

- 1. Monday, Feb 26th at 4:30PM Charter Committee Meeting
Monday, Feb 26th at 5:30PM SB Meeting
Monday, Feb 26th at 5:30PM Informational Meeting
Tuesday, March 5th from 7AM - 7PM Town Meeting Day**

6:25PM - OTHER BUSINESS

1. Executive Session - Contractual

Motion made by Don McDowell to go into Executive session because we find that premature general public knowledge of contractual negotiations will clearly place the Town at a disadvantage by disclosing its negotiation strategy. Motion seconded by Chris Palermo. Motion carried (5/0)

Motion made by Don McDowell to go into Executive session to discuss pending contract negotiations under provisions of Title 1, Section #13(a)(1) of the Vermont Statutes and to include Interim Town Manager, Carrie Johnson. Motion seconded by Chris Palermo. Motion carried (5/0)

Motion made by Don McDowell to come out of Executive Session at 7:04PM. Motion seconded by Chris Palermo. Motion carried. (5/0)

6:40PM - ADJOURN

Motion made by Chris Palermo to adjourn. Motion seconded by Don McDowell. Motion carried. (5/0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm

Submitted and filed this February 8, 2024.

Bonnie McDermott, Scribe

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



SELECTBOARD MEMORANDUM

To: Selectboard
From: Sara Haskins, Town Clerk
Date: February 26, 2024
Subject: Board of Liquor & Tobacco Control

1. Approve Liquor License Renewals
2. Approve Tobacco License Renewals

SUGGESTED MOTION: I move to recess the Selectboard meeting and open as the Board of Liquor & Tobacco Control.

SUGGESTED MOTION: I move to approve the liquor license renewals as presented.

SUGGESTED MOTION: I move to approve the tobacco license renewals as presented.

SUGGESTED MOTION: I move to adjourn the Board of Liquor & Tobacco Control Meeting.

SUGGESTED MOTION: I move to reconvene the Selectboard meeting.

Attachments:

1. 02.26.2024

Board of Liquor Control

February 26, 2024

Liquor License Renewals					
Applicant	Location	First Class	Second Class	Third Class	Outside Consumption
Soulmate Brewing Company	74 Portland Street	X			X
Global Montello Group Corp DBA Jiffy Mart #686	302 VT Rte 15 W		X		
Premium Properties Morrisville LLC (MoBev)	81 Bridge St		X		
Mountain View Campground Corp	3154 VT Rte 15 E		X		

Tobacco License Renewals			
Applicant	Location	Tobacco	Tobacco Substitute Endorsement
Premium Properties Morrisville LLC (MoBev)	81 Bridge St	X	X



Hereby Confers The Designation of

Master Municipal Clerk

Upon

Sara Haskins, MMC

In Fulfillment Of Requirements Prescribed By The
International Institute Of Municipal Clerks.

Certified This 8 Day Of February A.D. 2024

IIMC President

IIMC Director of Education