



**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
OF OCTOBER 3, 2024**

Members: Don McDowell, Laura Streets, Richard Craig, George Cormier

Absent: Christopher Palermo

ADMINISTRATION and STAFF: Brent Raymond, Town Manager; Judi Alberi, Executive Assistant

PARTICIPANTS/GUESTS: Maria Ward, Dale Touchette, Tom Cloutier, Barbara Percy, Kate Greenmun, Clark Callender, Wallace Reeve, Kristin Marriott, Kristin Fogdall, Donnie Blake, Lee LaBier, Leah Hollenberger

**participating via Zoom*

6:00PM - CALL SELECTBOARD MEETING TO ORDER

Don McDowell called the Selectboard Special Meeting to order at 6:00PM at the Wing Center.

6:01PM - AGENDA CHANGES/ADDITIONS

None

6:02PM - NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss Special Town Meeting Nov 5, 2024 Article 1

Don McDowell read the article. No questions.

2. Discuss Special Town Meeting Nov 5, 2024 Article 2

Don McDowell read the article and Brent Raymond gave an overview of the grant money that the town had accepted. We do not have a final figure of the stormwater solution and won't until the state accepts the solution that Tyler Mumley engineering has and is continuing to work on. Solutions will be presented to the residents and easements will need to be collected. It is important that we all work together. HA Manosh created the subdivision and obtained the original permit for the stormwater system. In 2007, the Town of Morristown Selectboard agreed to take over the road and sidewalks of the Subdivision. They did not assume responsibility for the Subdivision Stormwater Permit. Of the 700+ sites around the state that have been found to be non-compliant with the 3-acre rule, the Town of Morristown is one of seven entities to be awarded a grant that would cover approximately 70% of the total cost for the required improvements. The balance would be shared by the Town and the residents of the Jersey Heights Subdivision if article 2 passes. If Article 2 fails, then the town would be responsible for 100% of the project after the grant funds were applied. The grant's value is \$316,675.00.

A few residents felt the language in the article was misleading, and the town took responsibility for the permit. Therefore, the town should be the responsible party and not ask for Jersey Heights subdivision to be a party to the solution.

3. Discuss Special Town Meeting Nov 5, 2024 Article 3

Article 3 was read by Don McDowell. Based on the outcome of the vote, the town will use the grant funds and pay any expenses above and beyond the grant in one of two ways: 1. Secure long-term financing to spread the costs over a period of up to 20 years for both the Town and the 64 affected parcels. 2. Apply the grant funds directly and cover any additional costs upfront. There were questions regarding the language used in Article 2, which proposes the establishment of a special assessment district. This language is then referenced and carried over to Article 3 as if it has already happened. Brent Raymond had the same concern but was told by legal counsel that the language was the correct language for the articles.

4. Overview Special Town Meeting Nov 5, 2024 Article 2 and 3

The town has signed to accept the grant funds of \$316,675

7:45PM - COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None

8:00PM - ADJOURN

Motion made by George Cormier to adjourn. Motion seconded by Laura Streets. Motion carried. (4/0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm

Submitted and filed this October 7, 2024.

Judi Alberi, Scribe

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