



**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
OF OCTOBER 9, 2024**

Members: Don McDowell, Christopher Palermo, Richard Craig, George Cormier

Absent: Laura Streets

ADMINISTRATION and STAFF: Brent Raymond, Town Manager; Judi Alberi, Executive Assistant; Ally Olsen, Media Operator

PARTICIPANTS/GUESTS: Patrick Harrington, Tom Cloutier, Dale Touchette, Martin Green, Laura Green, Jim Pease, Maria Ward, Deb Dever, Leah Bronner, Desmond Culcleasure, Haley Jiron

**participating via Zoom*

6:00PM - CALL SELECTBOARD MEETING TO ORDER

Don McDowell called the Selectboard Special Meeting to order at 6:00PM at the Tegu Building.

6:01PM - AGENDA CHANGES/ADDITIONS

None

6:02PM - NEW BUSINESS

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

Don McDowell read the proposed Town Charter. There were no questions.

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

Don McDowell read the article. 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 Morrystown Selectboard agreed to take over the roads 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 Morrystown 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 they feel that the town took responsibility for the permit and infrastructure when they took over the roads. Therefore, the town should be the responsible party and not ask for Jersey Heights subdivision to be a party to the solution. Several residents expressed concern that the town was trying to create conflict among residents. The Selectboard strongly denied this, stating it was not their intention. There were some questions regarding how the percentages were reached for the residents of Jersey Heights. Brent Raymond explained that there was a calculation done based on impervious surfaces and that there was expertise in doing this and that it was not a draft equation. The percentages can be confirmed. Brent Raymond will have the ANR timeline posted to the

website.

3. Discuss Special Town Meeting November 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.

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

No questions.

8:00PM - ADJOURN

Motion made by George Cormier to adjourn. Motion seconded by Richard Craig. Motion carried. (4/0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm

Submitted and filed this October 10, 2024.

Judi Alberi, Scribe

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