



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

On Zoom and at 43 Portland St. Morrisville, VT 05661
5:00 PM Monday, December 9, 2024

[Join Zoom Meeting](#) or by phone join via conference call (audio only): 1 (646) 558-8656 | Meeting ID: [810 342 4528](#) | Passcode 05661

The meeting will be live streamed on the Town of Morristown's website: <https://www.morristownvt.gov/community/page/meetings-agendas-minutes>

I. 5:00PM - CALL TO ORDER

II. 5:01PM - AGENDA CHANGES/ADDITIONS

III. 5:03PM - APPROVE MINUTES

1. Approve minutes of 11-18-24

IV. 5:05PM - NEW BUSINESS

1. Conduct interviews to fill the vacant seat on the AH Copley Trust Fund Board
 - a. Mary Ann Wilson
 - b. Charles Burnham
 - c. Peter Wilder
 - d. Leah Hollenberger
 - e. Elizabeth Emerson

V. 6:00PM - OTHER BUSINESS

1. Executive Session - Personnel
2. Possible appointment of a new member to the Alexander Hamilton Copley Trust Fund Board.

VI. 6:30PM - ADJOURN



**MEETING MINUTES
OF NOVEMBER 18, 2024**

Members: Don McDowell*, Christopher Palermo, Laura Streets*, Richard Craig, George Cormier,
Richard Sargeant, Vacant Seat

Absent:

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

PARTICIPANTS/GUESTS: Karen Autorino, Charles Burnham

**participating via Zoom*

CALL TO ORDER

Chris Palermo called the Alexander Hamilton Copley Trust Fund Board meeting to order at 5:00 PM at the Tegu Building.

APPROVE MINUTES

1. Approve minutes 8-5-24

Motion made by Richard Craig to approve the minutes of 8-5-24. Motion seconded by Richard Sargeant. Motion carried by roll call. (5/0)

George Cormier arrived after minutes had been approved.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review and discuss the quotes provided by Autorino for the Copley Country Club funding request

Karen Autorino, speaking for the Copley Country Club, returned with the final expenses for her request for funding to repair the porch's rotting deck. They could not find another contractor to replace the current deck and discovered that more damage was done than originally determined. Due to safety concerns and oncoming winter weather, the work has started. The deck will need to be painted upon completion. Therefore, they request the full \$65,000 from the Copley Trust Fund. There was some discussion regarding the absence of a second bid for the work. However, under the circumstances, combined with the knowledge that the expenses would increase with a delay, the decision was made to grant the request for funding of \$65,000. Richard Sargent requested to see the inscription intended for the plaque prior to ordering as required by granting the funding request.

Motion made by Richard Craig to grant the request of \$65,000. Motion seconded by Laura Streets. Motion carried (4/0/2) George Cormier and Richard Sargent abstained.

2. Remembrance of Gloria Wing - acknowledgment of the vacant board position left by Gloria Wing's passing

Richard Sargent spoke of his long relationship working with Gloria Wing and paid tribute to her community-minded intentions in serving Morrisville and Morristown. She was a strong, influential

person always concerned about the well-being of her community. She was the Director of Nursing at Copley Hospital for many years and a leader at the Community Church of Morrisville. She was on the board at the senior center, now named after her as The Wing Center. The community is indebted to her, and she will be missed and honored by this committee. There was a moment of silence and reflection. The board will advertise to fill its vacancy.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Members shared their memories of her life and the accomplishments of Gloria Wing.

ADJOURN

Motion made by George Cormier to adjourn. Motion seconded by Richard Craig. Motion carried by roll call. (6/0)

Meeting adjourned at 5:25pm

Submitted and filed this November 20, 2024

Bonnie McDermott, Scribe

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

Board/Committee Interest : Submission #3

Name

MARY ANN WILSON

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

Are you a resident of Morristown

Yes

Which Board/Committee are you interested in?

Alexander Hamilton Copley Trust Fund Board

How did you learn about this Board/Committee?

As Town Clerk and Treasurer, I worked with this board for many years.

Have you attended any meetings of board/committee in the six months prior to your interest?

No

Do you provide any goods or services to the public related to this Board/Committee?

Yes

Are you familiar with the governing rules under which this Board/Committee operates?

Yes

Briefly, what qualities, experience, training and/or skills will you bring to this board/committee?

Many experiences working with Municipal boards.

Please share your ideas related to the Board/Committee and the topics they are responsible for?

I am familiar with the Copley will and the community and its people that it serves.

Have you appeared in front of this Board/Committee before advocating for a specific issue? If yes, explain.

No, but I have followed the projects for many years.

My availability allows me to attend most of the meetings of the Board/Committee for which I am applying.

Yes

Is there anything else you feel we should know about you?

I have knowledge of and been committed to serving my community for decades.

Your name in this space affirms that the information provided is true to the best of your knowledge.

MARY ANN WILSON

Board/Committee Interest : Submission #9

Name

CHARLES BURNHAM

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

Are you a resident of Morristown

Yes

Which Board/Committee are you interested in?

Alexander Hamilton Copley Trust Fund Board

How did you learn about this Board/Committee?

Local

Have you attended any meetings of board/committee in the six months prior to your interest?

Yes

Do you provide any goods or services to the public related to this Board/Committee?

No

Are you familiar with the governing rules under which this Board/Committee operates?

Yes

Briefly, what qualities, experience, training and/or skills will you bring to this board/committee?

Extensive community and Board experience. Have previously served on the Boards of: LCPC, Stowe Rotary, Stowe Fire District #2, Stowe Rescue Squad, Stowe Community Church, Stowe Land Trust, Lamoille Economic Development (ABLE), Montpelier Heritage Group, and Co-Op Apartments. Have served as President and Treasurer of many of these.

Please share your ideas related to the Board/Committee and the topics they are responsible for?

I would bring non-selectboard perspective to Board. Familiar with community development activities and expenses thereof. Proven team player.

Have you appeared in front of this Board/Committee before advocating for a specific issue? If yes, explain.

No.

My availability allows me to attend most of the meetings of the Board/Committee for which I am applying.

Yes

Is there anything else you feel we should know about you?

Dedicated, responsible, reliable and committed community member.

Have lived in Morristown over 8 years. Lamoille County for over 50 years.

Elected Town Lister and Justice of the Peace.

Your name in this space affirms that the information provided is true to the best of your knowledge.

CHARLES BURNHAM

Board/Committee Interest : Submission #10

Name

Peter B. Wilder

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

Are you a resident of Morristown

Yes

Which Board/Committee are you interested in?

The Alexander Hamilton Copley Trust Fund Board

How did you learn about this Board/Committee?

Morristownvt.gov

Have you attended any meetings of board/committee in the six months prior to your interest?

No

Do you provide any goods or services to the public related to this Board/Committee?

No

Are you familiar with the governing rules under which this Board/Committee operates?

No

Briefly, what qualities, experience, training and/or skills will you bring to this board/committee?

Peter Bruce Wilder / Technical, Creative & Marketing Consultation

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Please share your ideas related to the Board/Committee and the topics they are responsible for?

N/A

Have you appeared in front of this Board/Committee before advocating for a specific issue? If yes, explain.

N/A

My availability allows me to attend most of the meetings of the Board/Committee for which I am applying.

Yes

Is there anything else you feel we should know about you?

N/A

Your name in this space affirms that the information provided is true to the best of your knowledge.

Peter Bruce Wilder

Board/Committee Interest : Submission #6

Name

Leah Hollenberger

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

Are you a resident of Morristown

Yes

Which Board/Committee are you interested in?

Copley Trust Fund Board

How did you learn about this Board/Committee?

Former fundraiser, so aware of the fund; through Front Porch Forum post

Have you attended any meetings of board/committee in the six months prior to your interest?

Yes

Do you provide any goods or services to the public related to this Board/Committee?

No

Are you familiar with the governing rules under which this Board/Committee operates?

Yes

Briefly, what qualities, experience, training and/or skills will you bring to this board/committee?

I spent my career working in philanthropy and community relations for several not-for-profit organizations including Vermont Public Radio and Copley Hospital along with Northern Vermont University. I have also served on several not for profit boards for which I also raised funds. While I enjoy working with a variety of people and organizations to make meaningful gifts that benefit our community, I would welcome the opportunity to grant funds with that same goal. My skills of understanding financial statements and results based accounting along with serving as a connector of people and organizations with similar goals would be an asset to the board.

Please share your ideas related to the Board/Committee and the topics they are responsible for?

I come with an open mind to consider projects that would be of significant interest to the overall quality of life and improvement to Morristown and its residents.

Have you appeared in front of this Board/Committee before advocating for a specific issue? If yes, explain.

I believe I have requested funding from the Copley Trust Fund on behalf of Copley Hospital, River Arts and On the Rise over the years as a representative of those organizations.

My availability allows me to attend most of the meetings of the Board/Committee for which I am applying.

Yes

Is there anything else you feel we should know about you?

I've been a resident of Morristown since 2000 and currently serve as a Justice of the Peace.

Your name in this space affirms that the information provided is true to the best of your knowledge.

Leah Hollenberger

Board/Committee Interest : Submission #11

Name

Elizabeth Emerson

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

Are you a resident of Morristown

Yes

Which Board/Committee are you interested in?

Copley Fund Board

How did you learn about this Board/Committee?

Front Porch Forum

Have you attended any meetings of board/committee in the six months prior to your interest?

No

Do you provide any goods or services to the public related to this Board/Committee?

No

Are you familiar with the governing rules under which this Board/Committee operates?

No

Briefly, what qualities, experience, training and/or skills will you bring to this board/committee?

I have been a member of the Morrisville community for the last 35 years and have taught at PAML for all of these years. I have a true love for the community of Morrisville, I have raise my daughters here and they have been able to take advantage of what Morrisville has to offer. I want to help continue to grow this community in a postive way and provide experiences for people of all ages. I am very organized and like to think outside of the box to solve issue or create new experiences for people.

Please share your ideas related to the Board/Committee and the topics they are responsible for?

I know the Copley Fund has been vital in helping to build and provide many things for the community through the fund left by Alexander Copley. I would like to see what is available for funds each year and see how we can improve different areas of the town. I would also like to see how the funds could be used to provide healthy and active options for people of all ages.

Have you appeared in front of this Board/Committee before advocating for a specific issue? If yes, explain.

I have not appeared before the board.

My availability allows me to attend most of the meetings of the Board/Committee for which I am applying.

Yes

Is there anything else you feel we should know about you?

I am passionate about helping others and I feel now that my daughters are grown I would like to give back to the community that has been great to us. I have been on different boards, that aligned with the sports my children were playing.

Your name in this space affirms that the information provided is true to the best of your knowledge.

Elizabeth Emerson



MEMORANDUM

To:
From: Judi Alberi, Executive Assistant
Date: December 9, 2024
Subject: Executive Session - Personnel

MOTION: I move to go into Executive Session because I find that premature general public knowledge would clearly place a person involved at a substantial disadvantage.

MOTION: I move to go into Executive Session to discuss the appointment of a public officer subject to T1 V.S.A. § 313 (a)(3) to include Town Manager, Brent Raymond and Executive Assistant, Judi Alberi.

Attachments:

None