



**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
OF MARCH 26, 2025**

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

Absent:

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

PARTICIPANTS/GUESTS: Tyler Mumley, Lee LaBier, Leah Hallenberger, Tracey Rogalski, Skip & Maria Ward, Dale Touchette, Dorothy & Wally Reeve, Kristen Fogdall

**participating via Zoom*

6:00PM - CALL SELECTBOARD MEETING TO ORDER

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

6:01PM - AGENDA CHANGES/ADDITIONS

None

6:02PM - NEW BUSINESS

1. Update on Jersey Heights three-acre rule stormwater project - Tyler Mumley

Don introduces and thanks Tyler Mumley, the Jersey Heights stormwater project engineer, to the meeting. Brent discusses the status of the Jersey Heights 3-acre stormwater project and the corresponding ARPA grant. He stated that a decision must be made on the project. There is a May 1st deadline for 60% completion of the design. Tyler Mumley presents estimates based on a 30% completion of the stormwater chamber system and confirms the project is on schedule. The stormwater system has a proposed chamber to capture 50% of impervious surfaces and treat water to 100% quality standards. The system would intercept existing culvert systems, and the overflow would return to the piping system. The total estimated cost and design of a stormwater chamber system, including a 25% contingency, is \$439,900, with the grant covering 70% of this amount, including approximately \$245,610 towards construction. The cost to the town and residents was estimated to be \$123,225, based on a preliminary construction bid amount of \$369,000. Morristown will be responsible for maintenance.

Mr. Mumley discussed two alternative stormwater management options below.

1. Disconnection of rooftops. This option requires an easement or agreement from landowners with yearly inspections. This could meet 16% of the state's requirement.
2. Multiple Small Ponds. This option could meet 90% of the state's requirement.

Both alternatives together would meet the requirements. A site-specific analysis must be confirmed through test pits. The cost of these alternatives was not fully determined, but it is estimated that the

second alternative could be completed within the grant amount.

Discussion of the pros and cons of all the options continued with the factors of cost, impact on the landowner's property, and maintenance of the systems. There were concerns about having wetlands in people's front yards and the need for ongoing care and maintenance. The infiltration chambers were preferred due to lower maintenance requirements and better esthetics compared to the other options involving surface water features. The project timeline was discussed, with 60% of the design completion by May 1st, landowner buy-in by June 1st, and 100% design plans submitted to the state by September 1st. Construction is set to begin in early summer 2026 after bidding in winter.

Motion made by Chris Palermo to approve the site plan design for the Infiltration Chamber Plan for the Jersey Heights 3-acre rural stormwater project. Motion seconded by George Cormier. Motion carried with a roll call vote (5/0).

7:00PM - ADJOURN

Motion made by Chris Palermo to adjourn. Motion seconded by George Cormier. Motion carried with a roll call vote. (5/0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm
Submitted and filed this 3/26/2025.
Bonnie McDermott, Scribe

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