



**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
OF MAY 19, 2025**

Members: Christopher Palermo, Laura Streets, Richard Craig

Absent: Don McDowell, George Cormier

ADMINISTRATION and STAFF: Brent Raymond, Town Manager; Judi Alberi, Executive Assistant; Sara Haskins, Town Clerk/Treasurer

PARTICIPANTS/GUESTS: Jerry Throne, John Meyer, Kevin Petrochko, Lori Martin, Colby Masse, Jason Tallman, Alex Goddard, Todd Bannister; Laura & Martin Green, Dan McLaughlin, Tom Cloutier*

**participating via Zoom*

5:30PM - CALL SELECTBOARD MEETING TO ORDER

Chris Palermo called the Selectboard Meeting to order at 5:34 PM at the Tegu Building.

5:31PM - AGENDA CHANGES/ADDITIONS

None

5:33PM - COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None

5:48PM - APPROVE MINUTES

1. Approve minutes of 5-1-25

Motion made by Richard Craig to approve the minutes of 5/1/2025. Motion seconded by Laura Streets. Motion carried. (3/0)

2. Approve minutes of 5-5-25

Motion made by Richard Craig to approve the minutes of 5/5/2025. Motion seconded by Laura Streets. Motion carried. (3/0)

5:50PM - NEW BUSINESS

1. On the Spot Awards

On-the-spot awards are opportunities to acknowledge outstanding employees for their exemplary service. The Selectboard recognized Kevin Petrochko, who has demonstrated exceptional dedication and initiative while serving as the interim Assistant Zoning Administrator, which he voluntarily assumed during a critical period without a Zoning and Planning Administrator. While in this role, he successfully completed multiple professional development courses with top scores-including International Association of Assessing Officers 101 and 102-and earned several Lister Training certifications. At the same time, he expanded his expertise in zoning analysis, permitting, E911 coordination, and public service, exemplifying a strong commitment to professional growth and the Town of Morristown community. Kevin's willingness to step up as Interim Assistant Zoning Administrator has been an invaluable service to the community, delivered with the highest level of

professionalism.

Also acknowledged were Colby Masse and Lori Martin. On May 1st, 2025, Paramedic Colby Masse and Advanced EMT Lori Martin demonstrated exceptional professionalism, composure, and clinical expertise while responding to a call involving a critically injured individual. Their swift on-scene stabilization, clear communication with hospital staff, and decisive action were instrumental in achieving a positive outcome for the patient. Their actions reflect the highest standards of emergency medical care and embody the dedication Morristown EMS strives to deliver daily. Both recipients will be receiving a certificate of recognition from the Selectboard.

The conversation ended with a recognition of all emergency medical service providers during National EMS Week.

Motion made by Richard Craig to award the On the Spot Awards, and authorized Chris Palermo, Vice Chair, to sign on behalf of the SB, to the participants. Motion seconded by Laura Streets. Motion carried (3/0).

2. Sign Resolution renewing participation in Lamoille Fibernet CUD and appointing a representative

Chris Palermo read the resolution renewing participation with Lamoille Fibernet CUD. The Morristown Select Board renewed its participation in the Lamoille Fibernet Communications Union District and appointed Jane Campbell as representative and John Meyer as alternate to the governing board for a term ending April 2026. The board approved continued participation in the district under Vermont law and discussed the expansion of long drop service areas due to additional funding, which will now help more residents access high-speed internet. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: (1) The Selectboard of the Town of Morristown hereby approves the continued participation in the Lamoille FiberNet Communications Union District, and its qualification as a communications union district under the provisions of 30 V.S.A. chapter 82. (2) The Selectboard of the Town of Morristown hereby appoints the following representative and one or more alternates to the Governing Board of the Lamoille FiberNet Communications Union District for the term ending on the last day in April 2026:

Motion made by Richard Craig to sign the resolution renewing participation in Lamoille Fibernet Communication Union. Motion seconded by Laura Streets. Motion carried (3/0).

Motion made by Richard Craig to appoint Jane Campbell as representative with alternate John Meyer. Motion seconded by Laura Streets. Motion carried (3/0).

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3. Street Treats - Itinerant Vendors, Peddlers, Food Sales

Brittany Benway and Kyle Rowell completed an application for an Itinerant Vendor license for the business selling pre-packaged ice cream via a truck driving around playing music, selling "Street Treats". Laura Streets did not support the concept of a food truck that would compete with restaurants. She also noted that Article 0807-5.1, Itinerant Vendors, Peddlers, Food Sales, was drafted in 2014 and was outdated. She thought it should be updated.

The application will be tabled as more detailed information about operating hours and specific routes is requested, and the applicants were unable to be at the meeting.

4. Approve SP&F Attorneys, P.C. to conduct the Town's tax sale

Sara Haskins, delinquent tax clerk, reported our current attorney felt that another firm should handle

this work. The town has previously used the firm of SP&F Attorneys, P.C., and it agreed to undertake the town's delinquent taxes, mostly due to Sara's fine job of reducing our delinquencies to a few each year. The Selectboard approved SP&F Attorneys P.C. to conduct the town's tax sales.

Motion made by Richard Craig to approve SP&F Attorneys, P.C. to conduct the Town's tax sale process commenced in 2025. Motion seconded by Laura Streets. Motion carried (3/0).

5. Approve financing for 2024 International CV plow truck

Sara Haskins, Town Treasurer, reviewed 4 financial bids. The decision was made to approve a Union Bank loan at 5.2% for a 2024 International CV plow truck. Other bidders wanted a deposit in order to finance the loan. Union Bank is currently a bank that the town has been doing business with, and they require no deposit. This is a previously approved purchase via the replacement schedule.

Motion made by Richard Craig to accept the bid from the Union Bank for a loan of \$99,804 at a rate of 5.2% for 5 years to finance the purchase of a 2024 International CV plow truck at 5.2% for a 2024 International CV plow truck. Motion seconded by Laura Streets. Motion carried (3/0).

6. Approve Local Emergency Management Plan 2025

Motion made by Richard Craig to approve the Local Emergency Management Plan as presented and authorize Brent Raymond to sign and correct the EMS email address. Motion seconded by Laura Streets. Motion carried (3/0).

Jerry Throne noted that the current email address for EMS needs to be changed.

6:45PM - OLD BUSINESS

None

6:48PM - APPROVE WARRANTS

Motion made by Richard Craig to approve the warrants. Motion seconded by Laura Streets . Motion carried. (3/0)

6:50PM - SCHEDULE

- 1. Monday, June 2, 2025 - SB Meeting - 5:30PM**
Monday, June 16, 2025 - SB Meeting - 5:30PM

6:55PM - OTHER BUSINESS

None

6:55PM - ADJOURN

Motion made by Richard Craig to adjourn. Motion seconded by Laura Streets. Motion carried. (3/0)

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm

Submitted and filed this 5/19/2025.

Bonnie McDermott, Scribe

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