



**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2025**

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

Absent:

ADMINISTRATION and STAFF: Judi Alberi, Executive Assistant; Adele Taplin, Economic & Community Dev. Director

PARTICIPANTS/GUESTS: Leah Hollenberger, Hannah Chauvin, Charles Burnham, Martin Green, Laura Green, Jerry & Evelyn Throne, Jamie Jaret, Skip & Maria Ward, Ed Loewenton

**participating via Zoom*

5:30PM - CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Don McDowell called the Selectboard Meeting to order at 5:30 PM at the Tegu Building.

5:31PM - AGENDA CHANGES/ADDITIONS

Move community comments to the beginning of the meeting per usual.

5:32PM - COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None

5:42PM - OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

1. Proposed Morrisville Downtown Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

Don McDowell called the Public Hearing to order at 5:31 PM at the Tegu Building.

Don McDowell thanked the Planning Commission for their letter regarding considerations of the Downtown Capital Improvement Plan. He noted that they would be considered in the future.

2. CIP Discussion and Possible Action

Motion made by Richard Craig to adopt the FY2026-FY2031 Morrisville Downtown Capital Improvement Plan. Motion seconded by Laura Streets. Motion carried (4/0).

Motion made by Richard Craig to close the public hearing and recess until 6 pm. Motion seconded by Laura Streets. Motion carried (4/0).

6:15PM - INTERVIEWS - FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARING

1. Applicant Interviews for vacant Selectboard seat:

- 1. Charles Burnham 6:00pm**
- 2. Leah Hollenberger 6:30pm**
- 3. Hannah Chauvin 7:00pm**

At 6:00 p.m., the Selectboard reconvened from recess. Don McDowell outlined the procedure used for

the interview process. Each member of the Select Board will ask a series of the same questions of the applicants. The applicants were interviewed one at a time, with the other candidates sequestered. After an interview, the applicant was allowed to stay and join the public for the subsequent interviews.

Don McDowell told each candidate that he was impressed with the suitability of all three candidates for the position. The first interview was with Charles Burnham, followed by Leah Hollenberger, and concluding with Hannah Chauvin.

8:05PM - EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Executive Session - Discussion following interviews for possible appointment

Motion made by Richard Craig for the Selectboard to find that premature general public knowledge of the discussion of the interviews for appointing a new member to the Selectboard would place the candidates at a substantial disadvantage. Motion seconded by Laura Streets. Motion carried (4/0).

Motion made by Richard Craig for the Selectboard to enter into executive session under 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(3) to discuss the interviews and possible appointment to fill the current Selectboard vacancy. Motion seconded by Laura Streets. Motion carried (4/0).

8:35PM - APPOINTMENT OF A PUBLIC OFFICIAL

1. Possible Appointment

Motion made by Richard Craig to appoint Leah Hollenberger to the Selectboard to fill the current vacancy, effective immediately, until the next regular Town Election in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 963. Motion seconded by George Cormier. Motion carried (3/1) Laura Streets Nay.

8:38PM - ADJOURN

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm
Submitted and filed this 9/30/25.
Bonnie McDermott, Scribe

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