

WARNING/MINUTES

The legal voters of the Town of Morgan and School District are hereby notified and Warned to meet at the Morgan Elementary School in said Town on Monday, evening March 4th, 2013 at 6:00 pm. to transact the following business:

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Moderator Charles Woods made a couple of announcements before getting started about the Seymour Lake Association Quilt raffle. He introduced the School Board, Select Board, town Clerk/Treas. and himself.

Mr. Woods also noted that this was the 206th Town Meeting. The first one being in 1807.

Mr. Woods explained Roberts Rules and began the meeting.

1. To elect a moderator for the ensuing year for the Town.

Charles Woods was nominated. Motion made and seconded. **(Clerk cast 1 ballot)**

2. To elect a moderator for the ensuing year for the School District.

Charles Woods was nominated. Motion made and seconded. **(Clerk cast 1 ballot)**

Rules were suspended and moved to article #15.

Shall the voters of the Town of Morgan vote the sum of \$11,186.22 to the Orleans County Sheriff's Department for law enforcement services and to direct the Select Persons to assess a tax over and above the budget sufficient to meet the same?

Motion made and seconded. So moved. Ayes have it. **(So voted)**

3. To hear and dispose of the reports of the Town & School District Officials as required by Law.

Motion made and seconded to accept reports as written. So moved. Ayes have it. **(So voted.)**

4. To elect all Town Officers as required by law. (Newly elected Officers will be sworn in at the close of the meeting.)

Motion made and seconded to move to the floor to let Representative Lynn Batchelder and Lauren Shaw speak.

They both thanked everyone for their support and mentioned a couple problems they were working on but noted that there was no money.

A Survey was left from Senator Bill Doyle to participate in.

Back to Article #4

To elect officials as required by law. (Newly elected officials will be sworn in at the close of the meeting.)

Town School Treasurer (1 year term)

Sean Selby was nominated. Motion made and seconded. Vote on motion. "Ayes have it" **(Clerk cast 1 ballot)**

Selectman (3 year term)

Robert Guyer and Kendric Gonyaw were nominated. A paper ballot was requested. Motion made and seconded for paper ballot.

Robert Guyer - 53 and Kenric Gonyaw - 14. Total of 67.

(Clerk cast 1 ballot) for Robert Guyer.

School Board Director (3 year term)

Kelly Paul was nominated. Vote on motion. "Ayes have it" **(Clerk cast 1 ballot.)**

Lister (3 year term) Joe Malgeri was nominated. Motion made and seconded. Vote on motion. "Ayes have it" **(Clerk cast 1 ballot)**

Auditor (3 year term)

Dennis Ullery was nominated. Motion made and seconded. Vote on motion. "Ayes have it" **(Clerk cast 1 ballot)**

Auditor (1 year term)

Donna Young volunteered 1 more year. Motion made and seconded. Vote on motion. "Ayes have it" **(Clerk cast 1 ballot)**

1st Constable (1 year term)

Robert Cain was nominated. Motion made and seconded. Vote on motion. "Ayes have it" **(Clerk cast 1 ballot)**

2nd Constable (1year term)

Rick Pare was nominated. Motion made and seconded. Vote on motion. "Ayes have it" **(Clerk cast 1 ballot)**

Delinquent Tax Collector (1 year term)

James Judd was nominated. Motion made and seconded. Vote on motion. "Ayes have it" **(Clerk cast 1 ballot)**

1st Grand Juror (1 year term)

Cyrus Benson was nominated. Motion made and seconded. Vote on motion. "Ayes have it" **(Clerk cast 1 ballot)**

2nd Grand Juror (1 year term)

Jane Malgeri was nominated. Motion made and seconded. Vote on motion. "Ayes have it" **(Clerk cast 1 ballot)**

Town Agent (1 year term)

Jane Malgeri was nominated. Motion made and seconded. Vote on motion. "Ayes have it" **(Clerk cast 1 ballot)**

Cemetery Commissioners (5 year term)

Arlene (Pat) Hunt was nominated. Motion made and seconded. Vote on motion. "Ayes have it" **(Clerk cast 1 ballot)**

Cemetery Commissioners (3 year term)

Marilyn Gray was nominated. Motion made and seconded. Vote on motion. "Ayes have it" **(Clerk cast 1 ballot)**

Community House Committee:

Marilyn Gray; Chair, Robert Cain; Treasurer, Brian Gray, Kenneth Jenness, Janet Matson, Richard Miller, Jane Malgeri, Laurie Cain, & Rosemary Miller.

A request to omit Marilyn Gray and Janet Matson.

Motion made and seconded to accept with omissions. Vote on motion. "Ayes have it" **(Clerk cast 1 ballot)**

ARTICLE 5, 6, 7, & 8 TO BE VOTED ON FROM 8:00 AM TO 7:00 PM ON MARCH 5th, 2013 AT THE MORGAN TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE.

5. (Australian Ballot) To cast ballots on the North Country Senior High School Budget.
6. (Australian Ballot) To cast ballots on the North Country Junior High School Budget.
7. (Australian Ballot) To cast ballots on the North Country Career Center Budget.
8. (Australian Ballot) To cast ballots on the NEKWMD Budget.

9. **Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to borrow money for the current expenses in anticipation of the taxes?**

Motion made and seconded. Vote on motion. "Ayes have it" (So voted)

10. **To see if the Town of Morgan will vote a budget to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town and authorize the Selectmen to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same?**

Motion made and seconded. Vote on motion. "Ayes have it" (So voted)

11. **Shall the voters of the Town of Morgan vote to have taxes paid into the treasury as provided by law, and if so, will the date be October 31st 2013 by 4:00 pm.?**

Motion made and seconded. Vote on motion. "Ayes have it" (So voted)

12. **Shall the voters of the Morgan Town School District appropriate the sum of \$586,000.00 necessary for the support of its town school district for the year beginning July 1, 2013?**

Motion was made to move to floor for discussion. The School Board gave a presentation and explained how they got to their numbers for the budget.

Carol Cargill gave a slide show presentation on the Derby Elementary School and on the Morgan students.

Kelly Paul also thanked the School Committee: Homer Selby, Larry Labor, Donna Young and Roger Stoddard for all their efforts and help with the school situation.

The Committee also gave a brief presentation on what they have come up with for options for the school and on what they may or may not do. There will be informational meetings to follow and a decision made hopefully by summer.

After much discussion, the question was called and a motion was made to amend the article to read: Shall the voters of Morgan Town School District appropriate the sum of \$586,000.00 necessary for the support of its town school district for tuition to Derby Elementary School for the 2013/2014 school year?

Motion was made and seconded. Vote on motion. "Ayes have it" (So voted as amended)

13. **Shall the voters of the Morgan Town School District authorize the Board of School Directors to transfer \$59,522.00 of prior year fund balance to the Unanticipated Tuition Reserve Fund?**

Motion was made and seconded to move to the floor for discussion. After little discussion a motion was made and seconded to call the question.

Vote on motion. "Ayes have it" (So voted)

14. **Shall the voters of the Morgan School District authorize and empower the Board of School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of revenues for the purpose of paying current expenses?**

Motion made and seconded. Vote on motion. "Ayes have it" (So voted)

15. **Shall the voters of the Town of Morgan vote the sum of \$11,186.22 to the Orleans County Sheriff's Dept. for law enforcement services and to direct the Select Persons to assess a tax over and above the budget sufficient to meet the same? (This will be used for routine patrols, answering complaints, and investigating incidents. It will also cover administrative expenses, including salaries, vehicle, benefits, liability insurance, maintenance, gasoline, supplies, telephone costs, and crime prevention programs).**

Motion made and seconded. Vote on motion. "Ayes have it" (So voted)

16. **Shall the Town of Morgan appropriate the sum of \$3082.00 to be paid to Indoor Recreation Orleans County (I.R.O.C, Inc.) to provide recreational, fitness, and sporting services and activities to the benefit of the Town's residents during the period July 1st, 2013 through June 30th, 2014.**

Motion made and seconded to move to the floor for discussion.

After some discussion and requests for making amendments to article.

A motion was made and seconded to call the article.

Vote on motion. "Nays have it" (Turned down)

17. **Shall the voters of the Town of Morgan vote to appropriate the sum of \$8,886.00 to be raised by taxes to the following organizations as shown?**

Old Stone House Museum	\$ 350.00
Northwood's Stewardship Center	\$ 500.00
Area Agency on Aging	\$ 300.00
Daily Memorial Library	\$ 800.00
Orleans County Citizens Advocacy	\$ 500.00

Orleans Essex VNA and Hospice, Inc.	\$3,600.00
Seymour Lake Association (swim Project)	500.00
Rural Community Transportation (RCT)	\$ 50.00
Northeast Kingdom Human Services	\$ 786.00
Frontier Animal Society of Vermont	\$ 500.00
Morgan Historical Society	\$1,000.00

Motion made and seconded. Vote on motion. “Ayes have it” **(So voted)**

18. Shall the voters of the Town of Morgan vote to start its Annual Meeting on the Monday evening preceding the 1st Tuesday of March at 6:00 pm. 2013?

Motion made and seconded. Vote on motion. “Ayes have it” **(So voted)**

19. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Larry Labor got up and spoke on the proposed Solar Farm Project at the Morgan Landfill and Post Closure Care of the Landfill. He also, gave some info on possibly changing the street lighting from sodium-based lighting to LED lighting on the streetlights.

Diane Moore wanted to recognize Deanna Keenan for her years served as Lister and thanked her.

20. To swear in newly elected officers.

21. To adjourn the meeting accepts for the Australian Balloting to begin on Tuesday March 5th 2013 from 8:00 am. To 7:00 pm.

Select Board

School Board

Larry Labor, Chair

Kelly Paul

Robert Guyer

Danielle Blake

Allan Wooley

Tammy LaCourse