

WARNING

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 2nd, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. to transact the following business:

The meeting started with a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Charles Woods ran through the names of those who have passed on with a moment of silence to follow.

Without having to suspended the rules, Charles Woods let Representatives Lynn Batchelder and Lauren Shaw speak. They briefly spoke on new safety rules, keeping the school for inmates, transportation, and spoke a little on the closing of the dispatch.

They thanked all for their support.

The meeting was called to order at 6:26 p.m.

Charles Woods explained the Roberts Rules.

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

Charles Woods was nominated. A motion was made and seconded. "Ayes have it" Clerk cast 1 ballot.

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

Charles Woods was nominated. A motion was made and seconded. "Ayes have it" Clerk cast 1 ballot.

A motion was made and seconded to move on to Article #15 and let Sheriff Phil Brooks speak on behalf of the Sheriff's Department. A brief explanation of the amount being appropriated was level funded from last year.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the sum of \$ 11,521.80 to the Orleans' County Sheriff's Department for law enforcement services. So moved. "Ayes have it"

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

A motion was made and seconded to accept all reports as written. So moved. "Ayes have it"

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

Town School Treasurer (1 year term)

Sean Selby was nominated. A motion was made and seconded. So moved. "Ayes have it" Clerk cast 1 ballot.

Selectman (3year term)

Larry Labor was nominated. A motion was made and seconded. So moved. Clerk cast 1 ballot.

School Director (3 year term)

Danielle Blake was nominated. A motion was made and seconded. So moved. "Ayes have it"
Clerk cast 1 ballot.

Lister (3 year term)

James Judd was nominated. A motion was made and seconded. So moved. "Ayes have it" Clerk
cast 1 ballot.

Auditor (3 year term)

A motion was made and seconded to table until Article #14 has been voted on. So moved. "Ayes
have it"

First Constable (1 year term)

Robert Cain was nominated. A motion was made and seconded. So moved. "Ayes have it. Clerk
cast 1 ballot.

Second Constable (1 year term)

Eric Pare was nominated. A motion was made and seconded. So moved. "Ayes have it" Clerk
cast 1 ballot.

Del. Tax Collector (1 year term)

James Judd was nominated. A motion was made and seconded. So moved. "Ayes have it" Clerk
cast 1 ballot.

Grand Jurors 1st (1 year term)

Cyrus Benson was nominated. A motion was made and seconded. So moved. "Ayes have it"
Clerk cast 1 ballot.

Grand Jurors Second (1 year term)

Jane Malgeri was nominated. A motion was made and seconded. So moved. "Ayes have it"
Clerk cast 1 ballot.

Town Agent (1 year term)

Jane Malgeri was nominated. A motion was made and seconded. So moved. "Ayes have it"
Clerk cast 1 ballot.

Cemetery Commissioner (5 year term)

With Incumbent Kenneth Jenness's passing, an opening for the Cemetery Commission was open.

Ken Whitehill volunteered. A motion was made and seconded. So moved. "Ayes have it" Clerk cast 1 ballot.

Community House Committee:

Discussion to eliminate Richard Miller, Rosemary Miller and Kenneth Jenness, and to add Tammy pare.

A motion was made and seconded to vote as a slate. The slate is to consist of Robert Cain, (treasurer) Laurie Cain, Ruby Jenness, Deanna Keenan, Rick Pare, Tammy Pare and Jane Malgeri.

ARTICLE 5, 6, 7, & 8 TO BE VOTED ON FROM 8:00 AM TO 7:00 PM ON MARCH 3rd, 2015 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?**

So moved. A motion was made and seconded. "Ayes have it"
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?**

So moved. A motion was made and seconded. "Ayes have it"
11. **Shall the voters of the Town of Morgan vote to have property taxes paid into the treasury as provided by law, and if so, will the date be October 29th, 2015 no later than 4:00 p.m.?**

So moved. A motion was made and seconded. "Ayes have it"
12. **Shall the voters of the Town of Morgan vote to have the Town Treasurer except and collect regular taxes each year?**

So moved. A motion was made and seconded. "Ayes have it"
13. **Shall the voters of the Morgan Town School District appropriate the sum of \$ 558,000.00 necessary for the support of its town school district for the year beginning July 1, 2015?**

So moved. A motion was made and seconde. "Ayes have it"
14. **Shall the voters of the Town of Morgan vote to eliminate Town Auditors and have a Certified Public Accountant each year?**

So moved. Discussion and concerns were expressed of expenses and having the option to have a CPA every 3 years.

A motion was made and seconded. "Nays have it"

With Article #14 not passing we moved back to Article #4.

A motion was made and seconded to elect a 1 year term and a second year term.

Alan Wooley volunteered for the 1 year term. So moved. A motion was made and seconded. "Ayes have it" Clerk cast 1 ballot.

Scott Bryant volunteered for the 3 year term. So moved. A motion was made and seconded. "Ayes have it" Clerk cast 1 ballot.

15. **Shall the voters of the Town of Morgan vote the sum of \$11,521.80 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).**

This was approved in the beginning of the meeting.

16. **Shall the voters of the Town of Morgan vote to appropriate the sum of \$ 8,736.00 to be raised by taxes to the following organizations as shown?**

The Old Stone House Museum	\$ 400.00
Northwood's Stewardship Center	\$ 500.00
Area Agency on Aging	\$ 300.00
Daily Memorial Library	\$ 1,000.00
Orleans County Citizens Advocacy	\$ 500.00
Orleans Essex VNA and Hospice, Inc.	\$ 3,000.00
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
Orleans Court Diversion	\$ 200.00
Island Pond Public Library	& 500.00

So moved. A motion was made and seconded. "Ayes have it"

17. **Shall the voters of the Town of Morgan vote to start its Annual Meeting on the Monday evening proceeding the 1st Tuesday of March at 6:00 p.m. 2016?**

So moved. A motion was made and seconded. "Ayes have it:

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

Carol Cargill spoke on behalf of the Derby Elementary School and some of the upcoming programs such as the Farm and School program, Girls on the run program. She also mentioned that they were adding a preschool program.

Carol extended the invitation to all for the Spring Breakfast on April 10, 2015 from 7:30 to 9:00. \$3.00 per adult and \$1.50 per child. She encouraged all to go.

Chairman, Larry Labor addressed a budget error on page 13 & 14 for the Electric Utilities for the Street Lights. The budget was pre LED changes and inadvertently over looked.

Larry also explained a handout from Kristin Mason on the Budget for the North Country Jr. High to be voted on March 3, 2015 as Australian ballot.

A handout of expenses the Town has paid for the E. Taylor Hatton School since taking the building and grounds over in August 2014.

Questions about the E. Taylor Hatton School as to what was being done with the School.

Larry Labor explained the Town Lawyer and the Lawyer for NFI (Turning Points) were in negotiations on a least with option to buy.

Some of the Town people were very verbal and upset as to this agreement. The Select Board said that what they were doing was in the best interest of the Town at this point and time.

There were also concerns of where Town meeting would be and other Town gathering in the case of a sale of the school.

There was discussion about the Special meeting held back on December 8th 2014 in continuance of the regular Select Board meeting. There was controversy on the **non-binding** vote that took place at that meeting. Some felt that because the post card did not state that there **may** be a vote the board was out of line.

19. **To swear in newly elected officers.**
20. **To adjourn the meeting, except the Australian Balloting to begin on Tuesday March 3rd, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:43.

Select Board

School Board

Larry Labor, Chair

Kelly Paul

Robert Guyer

Danielle Blake

Thomas Bonneville

Tammy LaCourse