

## Selectboard Meeting Minutes

May 12<sup>th</sup> 2025

5:00 p.m.

**Present:** Eric Pope, Chair of the Board, Larry Labor, Bruce Remick and TammyLee Morin, Clerk to the Board.

**Others Present:** Diane & Bill Moore, Ed Barber from the Newport Daily and Matthew Wilson from the Chronicle.

**1. Call the meeting to order.**

A motion was made and seconded to call the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**2. Review and approve the minutes pf April 14<sup>th</sup> as written.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of April 14<sup>th</sup> 2025 as written.

April 28<sup>th</sup> 2025 Meeting was canceled due to no quorum.

**3. Make and changes/additions to the draft agenda as needed.**

- a. Valley Road Culvert pre bid for an 8 x 5 concrete box (Culvert) – 13 contractors attended the pre-bid meeting and bids are due May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
- b. Community House update – Jane Malgeri emailed Eric Pope seeking a project schedule update for the Community House work, Eric contacted contractor Jesse Villanueva, Jesse does not have a start date planned yet but will be in touch as soon as he does.
- c. Local Emergency Management Plan – Every town must have a (REMC) Regional Emergency Management Committee representative. Eric sent an email to Dan Lynch to see if he may be interested in representing Morgan in this role.
- d. Bridge #20 (Larry’s Bridge) Old Blake Farm Road – Eric updated the board that he had submitted for a Bridge Inspection and Hydraulics Study through Vtrans. Once the results for both are in, the Board will make determinations.
- e. Hazard Mitigation: Eric updated the Board that he had met with FEMA to discuss potential mitigation funds to replace 4 culverts on Toad Pond Road and 1 on Jordan Road. Eric submitted the Hydraulic reports on all 5 and we are waiting to hear from FEMA whether the funding will be approved.
- f. Community National Bank Line of Credit – Tammy mentioned that the State Education Tax is due June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, and that the funds were low in the checking account due to using out of

pocket money to pay storm damages. The line of credit that was taken out in August 2024 to cover, if need be, expenses until reimbursement of Federal Funds (FEMA) were sent to us. We have the option to use it until August 11<sup>th</sup> if we use it we will have to pay interest on what we use which on the amount of \$915,000.00 the interest would be \$130.50 per day to be paid back on August 11<sup>th</sup> 2025 depending on how many days, but if we used \$300,000.00 out of the checking and only \$615,000.00 of the line of credit it would be \$88.00 per day depending on how many days and as we get federal money coming in just put it to the line of credit to pay it off.

**A motion was made and seconded to have Town Clerk & Treasurer TammyLee Morin decide which way she felt would be better for the Town when the time is due and will let the board know of what steps she took.)**

- g. Merp Grant at the school – With assistance from Cx associates, Bruce Remick has been working on finalizing Bid Documents for the Lighting Upgrades and the Insulation projects. They will be sent out to a list of relevant contractors with a Pre-Bid Meeting date of May 30<sup>th</sup>.

**4. Let any guests speak.**

Bill and Diane Moore were invited to the meeting to bring them up to date of the new well drilling (to supply the School) on Shawn Austin's Property off Meade Hill Road in which a portion of the right of way to get to the well site runs through Bill and Diane Moore's land.

The Board was seeking permission from Bill and Diane to access the site where the new well is to be drilled. After some discussion, the Moore's graciously granted permission. Once the Well is drilled and determined to meet volume and sampling standards, The Town and the Moore's will enter into a formal easement agreement to pipe the well water through their property.

**5. NFI Septic Screening Due May 1<sup>st</sup> 2025.**

TammyLee contacted Juddy's Septic on April 29<sup>th</sup> and they did it on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

**6. WSID 6690 E. Taylor Hatton – Notice of Alleged Violation.**

Quarterly PFAS standard testing. The numbers went up a little from 15 to 17, but are still below standard. Eric noted that It's been 6 quarters we have been below standard.

Ed Barber noted that back in January there was a settlement (Class action suit) and did not know it the Town of Morgan was included

Eric and Bruce explained that the monetary value of that suit would have been only \$1400, and it was recommended by the State of Vermont for the Town to not partake in that suit as the State is a clamant in another suit that was potentially more relevant.

7. **Notice of intent to hold the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Lake Seymour Swim 08-05-2025. (FYI) But would like acknowledgment.**

A motion was made and seconded to sign the acknowledgment to run on August 5<sup>th</sup> 2025.

8. **Any other Business:**

NEKWMD notified all towns affective immediately Box Springs and Mattresses will have a fee of \$45.00 to \$50.00 per piece when bring to the transfer/Recycling Station.

To avoid this large fee, residents can disassemble them.

The guidance is on the Town of Morgan website and a video on how to disassemble **BEFORE** bringing them to the Transfer station.

A motion was made and seconded to put this on the website and to add it to the fee schedule.

9. **Review, approve and sign orders #24064 for payroll and accounts payable for payment.**

A motion was made and seconded to sign Orders #24064 in the amount of \$959,338.91 for Accounts payable and \$1,480.00 for Payroll #24065.

10. **Adjourn the meeting.**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

**\*\*Next regular meeting will be Tuesday May 27<sup>th</sup> 2025 because of Memorial Day Holiday. \*\***