

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Monday April 13th, 2026

Present: Bruce Remick, Acting Chair of the Board, Larry Labor

Others Present: Community House Committee (Jane Malgeri, Mike Rossi, Tracey Rossi, Ric Pare, Tammy Pare, Bob Cain, Linda Chaffee); Brian Brock

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 of March 23rd, 2026, meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of March 9th Board meeting as written.

3. Let any guests speak.

Brian Brock – Presented a proposal to perform mowing and plowing services for the Town of Morgan.

4. Make any changes/additions to the agenda as needed.

- a. Town of Morgan Mowing/Plowing Services: Due to the sale of his mowing business by Robert Guyer, the Town is evaluating alternate contractors to provide services for mowing and plowing. Proposals have been submitted by Guillette's Property Maintenance and NEK Extreme Lawncare & Snowplowing LLC. This topic was tabled until next meeting to allow the Select Board to evaluate the proposals.
- b. Possible Historic Grant opportunity: Larry Labor researching a new grant opportunity that may be available to support the Community House.
- c. Bruce contacted Northern Precision Foam to provide an estimate for foam insulation in the Community House.
- d. Discussed Electrical Load analysis of the E Taylor Hatton School provided by MEI Electrical Contractors to support the MERP Grant installation of heat pumps and heat pump water heaters. As anticipated, the current school electrical service does not provide sufficient power to support the planned upgrades. If installation of the proposed heat pumps proceeds, the Town will need to coordinate with an electrical contractor and Vermont Electric

Cooperative to upgrade service at the power pole to at least 300 Amp Service.

5. Toad Pond Road Box Culvert.

The Select Board evaluated the bid submission for installation of the box culvert on Toad Pond Road at the crossing of Sucker Brook. A Bid & Construction Contract was prepared by East Engineering (Tyler Billingsley) for the design and installation of the culvert, and proposals were solicited from four eligible local contractors. A bid was received from Shawn Austin Building Contractors for \$186,500 and this bid was recommended by East Engineering for acceptance by the Town of Morgan.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the bid proposal from Shawn Austin Building Contractors for installation of the box culvert for the Sucker Brook crossing of Toad Pond Road in the Town of Morgan. The contract award document was signed by Acting Chairman Bruce Remick.

6. Community House Electrical D&D. (EST. #1791)

The Select Board and Community House Committee discussed the \$11,300 estimate provided by D&D Electric Inc. to improve electrical service at the Community House, including upgrading the current 100 Amp service to 200 Amps (shared by Town Offices and Community House), addition of wall outlets, relocate wiring in external conduits to interior walls, and installation of new ceiling mounted LED lights. The Select Board and Community House Committee agreed to the proposal, and the Community House Committee will prepare for the upgrades by removing the wall paneling to provide access for new wiring. The Community House Committee recommended adding three (3) electrical outlets outside the building, plus wired smoke detectors and a new motion activated floodlight in the front gable area.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the electrical work to be provided by D&D Electric Inc. at an estimated cost to the Town of Morgan of \$11,300.

7. Community House Construction J. Villeneuve Construction.

The Select Board and Community House Committee discussed the proposal by J. Villeneuve Construction for replacement of the 18 existing windows, replacement of the wood entry door into the kitchen, and installation of new steps and covered entryway which is needed due to removal of the old steps during prior construction work. The Select Board and Community House Committee agreed to the proposal, and the Select Board agreed to fund only the front entry steps and covered roof to ensure the building

has safe access. The Community House Committee has committed to a capital fundraising campaign to collect monies to pay for additional upgrades which may include upgrade of bathrooms, insulation, wall coverings, replacement of windows/door(s), and possible HVAC improvements.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Town funding of the front entry steps and covered roof at a cost of approximately \$15,000.

8. Turning Points Proposal from Fred's Plumbing and Heating.

The Town received a proposal for replacement of the leaking fuel oil boilers at the E Taylor Hatton School with propane boilers. This discussion was tabled until the next meeting as we are anticipating at least one more bid that will need to be evaluated.

Additionally, the Select Board is working with NVDA (Carter Finnegan) to determine whether additional MERP funding is available to support higher than anticipated heat pump costs, or alternatively whether other fundings sources may be available such as Efficiency Vermont.

9. Mowing & Plowing Proposals from Guillette's Property Maintenance, and NEK Extreme Lawn Care & Snow removal LLC.

Tabled until Select Board can evaluate proposals prior to next scheduled Select Board meeting.

10. Uniform Municipal Excess Weight Permits to review approve and sign.

1. Dead River Company dba Bourne Energy.
2. Camp Precast Concrete Products, Inc.
3. Gosselin Water Wells, Inc.
4. Kelley-View Farms, Inc.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the weight permit applications.

11. Orders # 25031 in the amount of \$1,386.01 for PR and for AP in the amount of \$501.09

Orders #25032 in the amount of \$693.00 for PR and for AP in the amount of \$29,109.53 to review approve and sign for payment.

A motion was made and seconded to approve and sign Orders #25031 and #25032.

12. Other Business

None

13. Adjourn the meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting 6:40 p.m.