

Selectmen's Draft Agenda

Monday August 24th 2026

5:00 p.m.

Present: Eric Pope, Chair of the Board, Larry Labor, Bruce Remick and Christina Paré, Clerk to the Board.

Others Present: Animal Control Officer Marsha Descheneau, Brian Judd, Gabby Gervais of *The Chronicle*, and Ed Barber of *The Newport Daily*.

1. Call the meeting to order.

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

2. Review and approve the minutes of August 10th 2026 as written.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of August 10th 2026 meeting as written.

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

- a. The September 14th, 2026 meeting will be cancelled due to SB members unavailability. The next Selectboard meeting will be September 28th, 2026.
- b. Update on Boiler Install: Tardiff's will be in to fire up the system and add antifreeze on August 25th, 2026 to make sure everything is running properly.
- c. The Otter Creek Proposal was reviewed and discussed. Eric will sign and submit.
- d. Discuss Matthew Willey formal objection to the unlawful actions of a town animal enforcement officer Marsha Descheneau.

Marsha explained her visits to the residence. The Selectboard found Marsha had followed protocol and handled herself properly. This encounter has been dually noted. No action required.

4. Discuss Town Forest Property with Brian Judd (Tabled from the July 27th 2026 meeting, #5).

The town is considering useful options for our 213 acres of town land. Brian proposed that the town consider the possible benefit, and reimbursement to him, of the bridge and culverts he installed on Town Property in the past.

The town will be hiring a surveyor to determine exactly where property lines are. Further discussions will happen once the survey is completed.

5. Public Safety concerns – Updates from Larry Labor regarding contact State of Vermont Agency of Transportation traffic safety organization to discuss options for reducing risks due to conflicts between pedestrians and vehicle traffic on Route 111 by the Morgan Country Store.

Eric will submit a formal request to VTrans Traffic Operations Safety Division asking for an evaluation and possible safety measures that can be taken.

6. Update from the Selectboard on contacting NVDA to enquire about the term of service for an NVDA representative and frequency of meetings. NVDA is still looking for a Board Representative from the Town of Morgan. Would the Selectboard be interested in appointing Rhonda Shippee, as she has expressed interest, to ensure our Town is represented.

Bruce Remick will reach out to Rhonda.

7. Update on Act 162 – Duane Moulton will serve Morgan as our new FFW. Ric Pare will serve as Deputy FFW and assist with related duties. Christina Pare submitted the forms to the State.

8. Other Business.

Selectboard went into Executive Session at 6:38 pm.

Selectboard came out of Executive Session at 7:15 pm. No action taken.

- 9. Review, approve and sign Orders #26011 in the amount of \$8,614.25 for payroll and \$7,877.83 for Accounts Payable.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve and sign order #26011 in the amount of \$8,614.25 for payroll and \$7,877.83 for Accounts Payable.

- 10. Review, approve and sign Order #26012 in the amount of \$12,000 MERP (M3 Construction).**

A motion was made and seconded to approve and sign order #26012 in the amount of \$12,000 for payment.

- 11. Review, approve and sign Order #26013 in the amount of \$13,470 MERP (MEI).**

A motion was made and seconded to approve and sign order #26013 in the amount of \$13,470 for payment.

- 12. Review, approve and sign Order #260014 in the amount of \$2,503.10 MERP (Fred's Energy).**

A motion was made and seconded to approve and sign order #26014 in the amount of \$2,503.10 for payment.

- 13. Adjourn the meeting.**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 pm.

*****The next regular meeting will be on September 28th 2026 at 5:00 p.m.*****