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Assistant Town Clerk

Town of Morris
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Barbara Bongiolatti, Phil Birkett, Vinnie Aiello, Dan Coutu, Maureen Doyle, Ed Dorsett, Judy Dorsett, Chris Cuttitta, Tracy Martin, Barbara Burch, Erica Mathews, Nancy Lundquist, MaryAnn Orzell, Jim Orzell, Larry Sweeney, Sally Irwin and John McKenna.

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Barbara Bongiolatti.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Moment of Silence was observed.

4. Minutes:

- a. **Motion** by Phil Birkett, seconded by Vinnie Aiello to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2014. Motion carried.

5. Correspondence:

- a. A letter from the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) to the First Selectman regarding an award of a Volunteer Fire Assistance grant to the Morris Volunteer Fire Department was discussed.
- b. A Transmittal of Proposed Final Decision from the Freedom of Information Commission to the Town of Morris regarding a meeting held on a holiday was reviewed.

6. Old Business:

- a. Morris Regional School Board Member Dan Coutu was present to discuss the Regional School District No. 6 Task Force which is currently disbanded. Consultant Jonathon Costa of Education Connection, who has been evaluating the school situation, has discussed seven possible scenarios with Regional School Board of Education. From those seven options the Board of Education narrowed them to three. These options will be discussed at Public Hearings to be held in each of the three towns and all four towns would eventually have to vote on a plan. An end of the school year is when they propose to have a plan in place. This is an ongoing project and Dan will keep the Board of Selectmen apprised of any new information.

7. New Business:

- a. **Motion** by Vinnie Aiello, seconded by Phil Birkett the Request for Abatement or Refund of Property Taxes to Hyundai Lease Titling TR in the amount of \$117.12 as recommended by the Morris Tax Collector. Motion carried.
- b. **Motion** by Vinnie Aiello, seconded by Phil Birkett the Request for Abatement or Refund of Property Taxes to Diane Flynn in the amount of \$7.45 as recommended by the Morris Tax Collector. Motion carried.
- c. **Motion** by Vinnie Aiello, seconded by Phil Birkett the Request for Abatement or Refund of Property Taxes to Denis Martin in the amount of \$87.37 as recommended by the Morris Tax Collector. Motion carried.

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- d. **Motion** by Vinnie Aiello, seconded by Phil Birkett the Request for Abatement or Refund of Property Taxes to Kurt or Liane Pluchino in the amount of \$56.40 as recommended by the Morris Tax Collector. Motion carried.
- e. **Motion** by Vinnie Aiello, seconded by Phil Birkett the Request for Abatement or Refund of Property Taxes to Deer Island Association in the amount of \$6.04 as recommended by the Morris Tax Collector. Motion carried.
- f. **Motion** by Vinnie Aiello, seconded by Phil Birkett the Request for Abatement or Refund of Property Taxes to Ronald Petronis in the amount of \$57.23 as recommended by the Morris Tax Collector. Motion carried.

Motion by Phil Birkett to add to the agenda under item 7.g. New Business – that the Board of Finance request be added to the agenda requesting the discussion of the uncollected taxes, auditor bid, role of the Treasurer and the Town Meeting. No second to the motion.

Motion by Vinnie Aiello to add to the agenda under item 7.g. New Business – Board of Finance auditor proposal. No second the motion.

Barbara Bongiolatti said that the Board of Finance four questions were answered with the response being sent to Board of Finance Chairman Ron Emanuel.

Motion by Phil Birkett, seconded by Vinnie Aiello to add to the agenda under item 8. a. Reports – Concert at Morris Town Beach. Motion carried.

8. Reports:

- a. The Morris Reading Room Committee sponsored a concert at the Morris Town Beach Pavilion as reported by Phil Birkett. There were over 100 people in attendance and refreshments were served. However, it was felt that the Beach & Recreation Commission was uncooperative and the lights were not on. The Reading Room Committee just wants everyone to work together as they would like to host other events there.

9. Executive Session – To Discuss Exempt Records – Paving Bids

Motion by Vinnie Aiello, seconded by Phil Birkett to go into Executive Session at 7:42 P.M. and invite Susan Jeanfavre to attend. Motion carried.
Out of Executive Session at 8:10 P.M.

Action Taken: **Motion** by Phil Birkett, seconded by Vinnie Aiello that the paving bids be rejected and a new packet be prepared and advertised. Motion carried.

10. Adjournment:

Motion by Phil Birkett, seconded by Vinnie Aiello to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 P.M.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan J. Jeanfavre
Administrative Assistant