

Morris Ordinance Committee

A Special Meeting of the Morris Ordinance Committee was held in Community Hall on Thursday, May 7, 2015. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Connie Trolle at 7:05 pm. In attendance were members Connie Trolle, Joann Battistoni, and Maureen Doyle. Also in attendance were First Selectman Barbara Bongiolotti and Tom Weik.

Motion by Joann Battistoni, second by Maureen Doyle, to approve the minutes of the April 06, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.

New Business

1. First Selectman Bongiolotti discussed the steps to be taken by the Ordinance Committee when a new ordinance is requested:

- Requesting party will send information for proposed new ordinance to Ordinance Committee for review and minor changes
- Ordinance Committee forwards information with its' recommendations to Board of Selectmen who approve with changes or rejects proposed ordinance and returns to Ordinance Committee and requesting party
- Requesting party reviews changes and if in agreement, returns proposed ordinance to Ordinance Committee; if requesting party disagrees with changes they must contact Ordinance Committee to set up meeting
- Ordinance Committee forwards proposed ordinance to First Selectman
- First Selectman forwards proposed ordinance to Town Attorney for drafting
- Drafted proposed ordinance is returned to First Selectman by Town Attorney
- First Selectman forwards copies to Ordinance Committee and requesting party for review
- Requesting party reviews and returns to Ordinance Committee
- Ordinance Committee notifies First Selectman that reviews have been completed
- First Selectman puts proposed ordinance on Call of next Town Meeting

If the proposed ordinance is rejected by the Board of Selectmen it is the responsibility of the requesting party to resubmit proposed ordinance with corrections.

Simple changes to existing ordinances are brought to the Ordinance Committee for approval. Major changes must first go to the Ordinance Committee who will review/comment and forward to the Board of Selectmen for approval/rejection.

2. Selectmen Bongiolotti informed the Committee that only state statutes/town ordinances of Planning and Zoning, Inlands/Wetlands, and Building Inspector are enforced by the town's enforcement officers.

3. The Ordinance Committee will create information pamphlet on proper procedures to follow when amending existing ordinances and requesting new ordinances.

4. Maureen Doyle will work with Laurie Halloran to update ordinances on the town website.

Old Business

1. Chairman Trolle will send correspondence to Planning and Zoning regarding the Dark Sky Initiative. If Planning and Zoning is requesting a new ordinance it will have to follow the procedure outlined above.

2. Pending ordinance for Inland/Wetlands will be presented at next town meeting.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:23pm by Joann Battistoni, second by Maureen Doyle. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen Doyle
Secretary