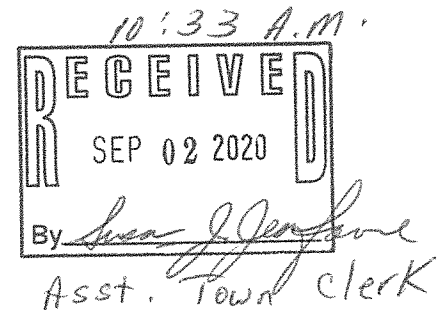


Town of Morris
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 1, 2020, 7:00 p.m.
Morris Community Hall
Morris, CT



Board Members Present: Tom Weik, Erica Dorsett, Vinnie Aiello

- I. Call to Order by Tom Weik at 7:00 p.m.
- II. **Motion** made by Erica Dorsett to approve Regular Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2020. Vinnie Aiello seconded. **Motion carried:** unanimous.
- III. **Motion** made by Vinnie Aiello to hire Cathy McGrath as Library Assistant at 19 hours a week per the recommendation of the Library Director and Library Board. Erica Dorsett seconded.

It was determined after discussion with the Board of Selectmen it is the responsibility of the First Selectman to hire town employees and motion was rescinded. Motion was rescinded by Vinnie Aiello. Erica Dorsett rescinded her second to motion.

Motion made by Erica Dorsett to add 3a. Library Board to agenda. Vinnie Aiello seconded. **Motion carried:** unanimous.

- IV. **Motion** made by Erica Dorsett to approve Abatement/Refund of property taxes as recommended by Tax Collector, Rebecca Juchert-Derungs for Thomas and Marion Beucler in the total amount of \$3,177.24. Vinnie Aiello seconded. **Motion carried:** unanimous.
- V. **Motion** made by Erica Dorsett to add 6a. agreement with Northwest Hills Council of Governments Affordable Housing Plan. Vinnie Aiello seconded. **Motion carried:** unanimous.

Motion made by Vinnie Aiello to enter into an agreement with NW Hills COG for the Affordable Housing Plan. Erica Dorsett seconded. **Motion carried:** unanimous.

- VI. **Motion** made by Erica Dorsett to appoint Ron Shaffer and Jason Mangini to the Economic Development Commission to fill vacancies for a term ending 12/1/20. Vinnie Aiello seconded. **Motion carried:** unanimous.

VII. First Selectman's Report attached.

VIII. **Motion** made by Erica Dorsett to adjourn at 7:49 p.m. Vinnie Aiello seconded. **Motion carried:** unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurel Gillotti
Executive Assistant

First Selectman's Report

September 1, 2020

Highway Department: The Town Crew continues with storm clean up by chipping brush and removing fallen trees along the roadsides. They have also been busy with mowing of the roadsides and lower cabin renovations at the Town Beach. The paving of Smokey Hollow Road has been completed.

Morris Beach and Recreation and Senior Center have remained busy with many offerings including concerts in the park and Town beach, drive in movies at the Town Beach, Jukebox Bingo and pizza parties. Check out their Facebook pages or the Town website for more information.

A new Town Seal was installed over the front door of the Town Hall by Lauretano Sign. The First Selectman has applied for a Small Town Economic Assistance Program Grant to help offset the cost of replacing the deteriorating retaining wall at the Town Transfer Station. This is a matching grant of up to \$128,500. If awarded and accepted, the Town would have to match the State Grant amount. We are also looking to apply for grants to renovate the Community Room and the Legion Room in the Firehouse basement.

The Town of Morris has had a total of 15 confirmed cases of COVID-19 with no new cases reported since July 8th.

The First Selectman continues to participate in meetings with the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, area First Selectmen, School Superintendent Chris Leone, Northwest Hills Council of Governments, Planning & Zoning Commission and the Board of Finance.