

Town of Morris
Board of Selectmen
Special Meeting Minutes

Received
Asst. Town Clerk
Laurie J. Jaffar
NOV 20 2019
10:00 A.M.

Tuesday, November 19, 2019, 4:30 p.m.

Morris Town Hall
Morris, CT

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

- I. Call to Order by Tom Weik at 4:30 p.m.
- II. **Motion** made by Erica Dorsett to approve Regular Meeting Minutes of November 5, 2019. Tom Weik seconded. Vinnie Aiello abstained. **Motion carried.**
- III. **Motion** made by Vinnie Aiello to approve the following refunds/abatements as recommended by Tax Collector, Rebecca Juchert-Derungs. Erica Dorsett seconded. **Motion carried:** unanimous.

William Snyder	\$ 101.72
Windsong Living Trust & Bernard Lepage	2,019.12
David Sperling	<u>16.89</u>
	\$2,137.73

William Snyder - \$2,798.77 refund request to be applied to 2018 current January installment

- IV. **Motion** made by Vinnie Aiello to amend Board of Selectmen Regular Meetings for 2020 and change meeting times for the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. and the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 4:30 p.m. Erica Dorsett seconded. **Motion carried:** unanimous.
- V. **Motion** made by Vinnie Aiello to approve Holiday Closings for 2020. Erica Dorsett seconded. **Motion carried:** unanimous.
- VI. **Motion** made by Erica Dorsett to waive permit fees for Town Hall and Fire Department projects. Vinnie Aiello seconded. **Motion carried:** unanimous.
- VII. First Selectman's Report attached
- VIII. **Motion** to adjourn at 4:46 p.m. made by Erica Dorsett. Vinnie Aiello seconded. **Motion carried:** unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurel Gillotti, Executive Assistant

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REGULAR SCHEDULE of MEETINGS for 2020

MORRIS TOWN HALL

January 7, 7:00 P.M.

July 7, 7:00 P.M.

January 21, 4:30 P.M.

July 21, 4:30 P.M.

February 4, 7:00 P.M.

August 4, 7:00 P.M.

February 18, 4:30 P.M.

August 18, 4:30 P.M.

March 3, 7:00 P.M.

September 1, 7:00 P.M.

March 17, 4:30 P.M.

September 15, 4:30 P.M.

April 7, 7:00 P.M.

October 6, 7:00 P.M.

April 21, 4:30 P.M.

October 20, 4:30 P.M.

May 5, 7:00 P.M.

November 3, 7:00 P.M.

May 19, 4:30 P.M.

November 17, 4:30 P.M.

June 2, 7:00 P.M.

December 1, 7:00 P.M.

June 16, 4:30 P.M.

December 15, 4:30 P.M.

Adopted by the BOS on 11/19/19

TOWN OF MORRIS
HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

2020

<u>HOLIDAY</u>	<u>DATE TOWN HALL CLOSED</u>
NEW YEAR'S DAY	JANUARY 1 ST , WEDNESDAY
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	JANUARY 20 TH , MONDAY
LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY	FEBRUARY 12 TH , WEDNESDAY
PRESIDENT'S DAY	FEBRUARY 17 TH , MONDAY
GOOD FRIDAY	APRIL 10 TH , FRIDAY
MEMORIAL DAY	MAY 25 TH , MONDAY
4 TH OF JULY	JULY 3 RD , FRIDAY
LABOR DAY	SEPTEMBER 7 TH , MONDAY
COLUMBUS DAY	OCTOBER 12 TH , MONDAY
VETERAN'S DAY	NOVEMBER 11 TH , WEDNESDAY
THANKSGIVING	NOON, NOVEMBER 25 TH , WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 26 TH , THURSDAY NOVEMBER 27 TH , FRIDAY
CHRISTMAS	DECEMBER 25 TH , FRIDAY
NEW YEAR'S DAY (2021)	JANUARY 1 ST , FRIDAY

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First Selectman's Report

11/19/19

The Highway Department continues to prepare for winter with truck maintenance, staking the catch basins, basin repair, calibrating sanders, clearing beaver debris and tree removal.

Participated in the awards presentation for the three lifeguards from Sandy Beach that helped to rescue a person who fell into the water during the boating accident on Bantam Lake this past summer. Thank you to the lifeguards and to the Sandy Beach Commission for their excellent work.

Morris Tree Worden Kyle Rosenbeck and I participated in the planting of a white oak tree in Memorial park that has been donated by the CT Tree Protective Association. The CT Tree Protective Association has donated a white oak tree to each municipality in the State of Connecticut to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the passing of Connecticut's Arborist Law.

Participated in the biweekly update meeting for the Smokey Hollow Bridge Project with the project engineers and the contractor. The steel beams for the bridge should arrive around Thanksgiving and are expected to be installed soon after.

Met with the Commander of Troop L in Litchfield, Lt. Mark Davidson, to discuss law enforcement concerns in Morris. Issues with speeding, break-ins, the Newport Academy and others were discussed.

Participated in a meeting with other area First Selectmen, Recreation Directors, representatives from DOT and representatives from the Northwest Transit District to discuss the canceling of special trips for the Seniors by the NWTD. The new submission form for the trips was reviewed and the NWTD agreed to resubmit the requested trips on the new form to the DOT for their approval.

Met with Len Fasano, Facilities Manager of the Litchfield Public School system to discuss the bidding on fuel oil and diesel for fiscal year 2020/2021. We are looking at a slight reduction in price per gallon over the current year for both fuels.

The Town employees held a reception for Nancy Skilton, the Town Treasurer, to congratulate Nancy on her retirement from the Treasurer's position that she held for four years. Since Nancy began as Treasurer in 2015, the fiscal office has seen great improvements with the audit, policies and procedures and transparency. Thank you Nancy for a job well done!

Participated in a meeting with the First Selectmen from Warren, Goshen, and Litchfield, representatives from various insurance agencies and brokers, representatives from the Woodridge Lake Sewer District and Region 6 officials to discuss an opportunity for all to work together on health insurance costs and possible ways to reduce costs to each entity.

Met with representatives from SHR Energy to discuss moving forward with plans for a solar array at the land adjacent to the Transfer Station. The Town will be seeking an 8-24 review from the Planning and Zoning Commission. This would be the first step in the process to bring the project to a Town vote.

Participated in the Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Region 5 meeting at the Watertown Fire Department. We reviewed proposed procedures for accessing, utilizing and tracking Region 5 equipment, reviewed the initiative to prepare a plan for coordination of municipal public works departments in responding to disasters, election of officers, budget matters, and Homeland Security Grant spending plans.

Attended the Mary Floyd Tallmadge Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution award ceremony where Litchfield Volunteer Ambulance was honored with the Community Service Award by the DAR for their work in the community. The DAR also was celebrating their 120th anniversary of the beginning of their chapter in Litchfield. Congratulations to both the DAR and to LVA.