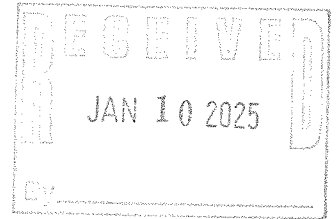


Morris Ordinance Committee

Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2024



The meeting of the Morris Ordinance Committee was called to order at 4:40 PM by Chairman Eddie Jacob. In attendance were Eddie Jacob, Laurie Halloran, Ben Paletsky, Mark Skilton and Morris Road Foreman/Tree Warden Kyle Rosenbeck.

Eddie Jacob made a motion to accept the previous meeting minutes, Ben Paletsky seconded, so voted unanimous, Passed.

New Business: Road Openings and Excavations Ordinance

The Ordinance Committee received the Road Openings and Excavations Draft Ordinance following a motion by the Board of Selectmen. The Draft was presented by Morris Road Foreman & Tree Warden Kyle Rosenbeck, who noted there has been an increase in town road/underground utility work done without permits or the town being properly notified. Kyle explained much of this work is related to fiber optic cables being laid by third party contractors.

The draft was supported by all Committee Members present, with one requested addition. During discussion, a concern was brought up about unique, lower impact cases where the full extent of the draft ordinance may be overburdening, particularly to homeowners. Committee Members agreed to add language to the draft that allows for the town to make discretionary decisions or exceptions to the Ordinance rules, on a case-by-case basis. Thus, the Committee recommends making one additional paragraph to the draft, after Paragraph/Item K:

Item L: At the Selectman's or Road Foreman's discretion on a case-by-case basis, exceptions can be made to the Ordinance based on scope of work and/or minimal effect to right of way.

With some discussion it was agreed upon by all members that the time of the scheduled Ordinance committee monthly meetings will be changed from 4:30 pm to 4:00 pm. on for the 2025 year.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:13 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Eddie Jacob and Laura Halloran