

Town of Morris
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Agenda

May 19, 2026, 4:30 PM

Hybrid Meeting
Morris Community Hall
Morris, CT

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1. Call to order
2. Regular Meeting Minutes April 5, 2026
3. Animal Control Officer
4. Zoning Fee Update Proposal
5. Discuss, vote and sign Warning of Annual Town Meeting
6. Appointments
7. Correspondence
8. Public Comment
9. Adjourn

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Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 5, 2026
Morris Community Hall

Board Members Present: Tom Weik, Laurey Weiner, Denise Weik – via phone

- I. Call to Order by Tom Weik at 4:30 p.m.
- II. **Motion** made by Denise Weik to approve Regular Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2026. Laurey Weiner seconded. **Motion carried:** unanimous.
- III. DOT State Project – Route 61 and 109 – correspondence attached
- IV. **Motion** made by Laurey Weiner to approve revised Refuse Disposal Site Permit Policy for the Samuel Luchene Transfer Station. Denise Weik seconded. **Motion carried:** unanimous.
- V. Executive Session: Union Negotiations

Motion made by Laurey Weiner to go into Executive Session and invite Laurel Gillotti, Executive Assistant. Denise Weik seconded. **Motion carried:** unanimous.

Executive Session closed at 4:57 p.m.
No action taken in Executive Session

Motion made by Laurey Weiner to approve Union contract between Town of Morris and Local 1303-105 of Council #4 AFSCME, AFL-CIO and shall be effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2030. **Motion carried:** unanimous.

- VI. **Motion** made by Laurey Weiner to adjourn at 5:02 pm. Denise Weik seconded. **Motion carried:** unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurel Gillotti, Executive Assistant

Zoning Fee Update Proposal

1. Administrative Zoning Permit Fees

Current Fee Structure:

Town Fee: \$45.00

State Fee: \$60.00

Total: \$105.00

Proposed Fee Structure:

Town Fee: \$65.00

State Fee: \$60.00

Total: \$125.00

Rationale:

The proposed increase reflects rising administrative costs, including staff time, processing, and recordkeeping. The adjustment remains modest and consistent with comparable municipalities.

2. Site Plan Applications

Current Total Fee: \$175.00

Town Fee: \$70.00

State Fee: \$60.00

Zoning Permit Fee: \$45.00

Actual Cost to Town:

Legal Notice (Newspaper): \$60.00

Mailing: \$11.00

Administrative Time (1 hour @ \$33.85): \$33.85

State Fee: \$60.00

Total Cost: \$164.85

Proposed Fee: \$200.00

Rationale:

The current fee barely covers direct costs and does not account for indirect overhead. The proposed fee establishes a reasonable cost-recovery margin.

3. Special Exceptions (Public Hearing Required)

Current Fee: \$315.00 (Includes Site Plan + Zoning Permit Fee)

Actual Cost to Town:

Public Hearing Notice: \$200.00

Notice of Decision: \$60.00

Mailing: \$11.00

State Fee: \$60.00

Administrative Time (2 hours @ \$33.85): \$67.70

Total Cost: \$398.70 (~\$399.00)

Current Deficit: ~\$85.00 per application

Proposed Fee: \$450.00

Rationale:

Applications requiring public hearings generate significantly higher costs due to statutory notice requirements and staff coordination. The proposed fee ensures full cost recovery.

4. Zone Change Applications

Proposed Fee: \$450.00

Rationale:

Zone change applications require the same procedural steps as Special Exceptions, including public hearings, legal notices, and administrative processing. A consistent fee structure is appropriate.

5. Subdivisions and Resubdivisions

Proposed Fee Structure:

Base Application Fee: \$450.00

Additional Lots (up to 5): \$150.00 per lot

Lots exceeding 5: \$200.00 per lot

Rationale:

Subdivision review complexity increases with the number of lots due to engineering review, coordination, and regulatory compliance. A tiered fee structure ensures proportional cost recovery.

6. Engineering Review & Consultant Costs

Applicants shall be required to fund third-party professional reviews when deemed necessary by the Commission.

Estimated costs shall be provided prior to the public hearing.

Funds shall be held in escrow.

Unused balances shall be returned to the applicant.

Rationale:

This ensures that specialized review costs are borne by the applicant rather than taxpayers.

**WARNING OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF MORRIS
WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.**

The electors of the Town of Morris and those persons eligible to vote in Town Meetings in said Town, are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Morris Community Hall, 3 East Street, Morris, Connecticut on Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

1. To consider and act on the Town Budget, as recommended by the Board of Finance, for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2026, in the total amount of \$10,408,815.
2. To accept the annual audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.
3. To authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all actions and execute all documents necessary or convenient to enter into agreements with the State of Connecticut and/or the Federal Government to apply for and accept any grants that may become available and to expend the said funds for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027; provided, however, no expenditure of town funds may be made without approval of the Board of Finance for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2026.
4. To elect one (1) regular member to the Regional School District No. 20 Board of Education for a term July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2030.
5. To elect one (1) regular member to the Morris Housing Authority for a term July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2031.
6. To elect one (1) alternate member to the Morris Sewer Authority to fill a term ending October 31, 2027.
7. As recommended by the Board of Finance, to consider and act on a proposed appropriation not to exceed \$70,000 from Contingency, and to transfer those funds to Building Inspector Commissions for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Copies of any relevant documents are available for public inspection in the Town Clerk's Office or on the town's website at: www.morrisct.gov.

Morris, Connecticut this 19th day of May, 2026.

Thomas Weik, First Selectman

Denise Weik, Selectman

Laurey Weiner, Selectman