

Town of Morris
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Agenda

December 20, 2022, 4:30 PM

Hybrid Meeting
Morris Community Hall
Morris, CT
Join Zoom Meeting

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1. Call to order
2. Regular Meeting Minutes December 6, 2022
3. Petition for Town meeting
4. Appointments
5. Correspondence
6. Public Comment
7. Adjourn

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Regular Meeting Minutes

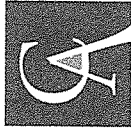
Tuesday, December 6, 2022, 4:30 p.m.

Morris Community Hall

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 Vinnie Aiello to approve Regular Meeting Minutes of December 6, 2022. Tom Weik seconded. **Motion carried.**
- III. **Motion** made by Erica Dorsett to approve 2023 Holiday Closings. Vinnie Aiello seconded. **Motion carried:** unanimous.
- IV. **Motion** made by Vinnie Aiello to approve 2023 Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting schedule. Erica Dorsett seconded. **Motion carried:** unanimous.
- V. **Motion** made by Erica Dorsett to reappoint Terry Connor, Jr. to the Sandy Beach Commission with a term 1/1/23 – 12/31/26. Vinnie Aiello seconded. **Motion carried:** unanimous.
- VI. **Motion** made by Erica Dorsett to approve Chanukah Proclamation. Vinnie Aiello seconded. **Motion carried:** unanimous.
- VII. **Motion** made by Erica Dorsett to adjourn at 4:45 p.m. Vinnie Aiello seconded. **Motion carried:** unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurel Gillotti, Executive Assistant



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December 14, 2022

HAND DELIVERED

Board of Selectmen
c/o Tom Weik, First Selectman
Town of Morris
3 East Street, P.O. Box 66
Morris, CT 06763

Re: Petition for Special Town Meeting to Enact an Ordinance
Prohibiting Cannabis Establishments in the Town of Morris

Dear Mr. Weik:

I represent Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Burns and Mr. and Mrs. John McCormick regarding petitions filed requesting that the Board of Selectmen call a Special Town Meeting to enact an Ordinance Prohibiting Cannabis Establishments in the Town of Morris. Enclosed herewith are copies of those petitions, which have in excess of 20 signatures, and a copy of my cover letter to the Morris Town Clerk which was hand delivered along with the original petitions to her today.

As you know, Nova Farms, LLC previously made an application to the Morris Planning & Zoning Commission for a cultivation and production facility on property owned by Erica Dorsett at 131 South Street in Morris. Inasmuch as Ms. Dorsett is a Selectman of the Town of Morris, this is to hereby request that she recuse herself from any discussion or vote on this request for a Special Town Meeting.

It is my understanding that Attorney Michael D. Rybak of Guion, Stevens & Rybak, LLP in Litchfield is normally Town Counsel for the Board of Selectmen and accordingly I am forwarding a copy via email to Attorney Rybak of the letter and petitions today filed with the Town Clerk and also a copy of this letter to you as First Selectman for the Morris Board of Selectmen.

I understand that the Board of Selectmen next meets at its regular meeting on December 20, 2022. I ask that these petitions for a Special Town Meeting be discussed and be approved by the Board of Selectmen at that meeting and a date be set for the Special Town Meeting.



Should you have any questions concerning this letter, the procedure followed, or the request for disqualification of Ms. Dorsett, please feel free to contact me or ask Attorney Rybak to contact me.

I enclose an extra copy of this letter which I ask that you sign and deliver to me to acknowledge receipt of this letter and the petitions.

Very truly yours,

Perley H. Grimes, Jr.
PHG:mcl
Enclosures

cc: Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Burns via email
Mr. and Mrs. John McCormick via email
Michael D. Rybak, Esq. via email w/enc.
Laura Halloran, Morris Town Clerk hand delivered

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I hereby acknowledge receipt of the foregoing letter and petitions referenced therein this 14th day of December 2022.

Board of Selectmen, Town of Morris

By _____
Tom Weik, First Selectman

PETITION FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

To Enact An Ordinance Prohibiting Cannabis Establishments
Within The Town of Morris
(ALL SIGNATURES SHALL BE IN INK)

We, the undersigned, pursuant to C.G.S. §§ 7-1 et seq., hereby petition the Town of Morris Board of Selectmen to warn a Special Town Meeting to vote on enacting an Ordinance Prohibiting Cannabis Establishments within the Town of Morris.

Petition Question: Shall the Town of Morris adopt the Ordinance Prohibiting Cannabis Establishments set forth below?

ORDINANCE PROHIBITING CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 21a-422f, subsection (b), (Public Act 21-1, S.B. Bill No. 1201, *Responsible and Equitable Regulation of Adult-Use Act (RERACA)*, Section 148(b).)

All types of "cannabis establishments," as defined in C.G.S. § 21a-420(4), to include all cannabis establishments, producers, dispensary facilities, cultivators, micro-cultivators, retailers, hybrid retailers, food and beverage manufacturers, product manufacturers, product packagers, delivery services and transporters, are and shall be prohibited within the Town of Morris.

SIGNATURES	PRINTED NAME	ADDRESS
1 Robert D Worden	Robert D Worden	53 Kensington Rd ✓
2 Kathryn Darden	Kathryn Darden	53 Kensington Rd ✓
3 Krista Darden	Krista Darden	43 Kensington Rd ✓
4 Mike Lauretano	Mike Lauretano	1 Heron Pointe ✓
5 Diane Lauretano	Diane Lauretano	One Heron Pointe ✓
6 Gloria P. Masopust	Gloria P. Masopust	85 Thomaston Rd. ✓
7 Susan Blanchette Sutton	AKA Susan A. Blanchette Susan Blanchette Sutton	40 North Terrell Farm Rd. ✓
8 Edward Sutton	Edward Sutton	40 N Terrell Farm Rd ✓
9 Clifford Wheeler	CLIFFORD WHEELER	321 THOMASTON RD ✓
10 David P. Ferris	DAVID P. FERRIS	343 Woodhurst Rd ✓

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that this page of petition was circulated by me and that each person whose name appears on this page signed the same in person in my presence, that I know each of the signers or the signer satisfactorily identified himself/herself to me, and that all the signatures on this page were obtained not more than six months prior to the filing of this petition.

Circulator's Name (please print) SECURIDAD D. BOJENS Date: 12/14/22

Circulator's Address 155 SOUTH ST. WARENS, CT

Circulator's Signature [Signature]
Tana Halloran
Town Clerk/Asst-Town Clerk

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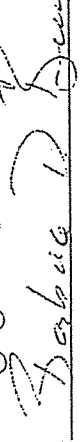


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1		WILLIAM DAWNES	89 Steppard Rd
2		Virginia Barone	64 Stratts Pike Lav
3		GEORGE J. BARONE SR.	64 Straitc Tpk Lav
4		Louie G. Gonthier	245 E. Shore Rd. ✓
5		Carol Gonthier	245 E. Shore Rd.
6		John Cuyne	31 Town Line Rd ✓
7		Donna Coyne	37 Town Line Rd ✓
8		Barbara D Burns	155 South St ✓
9		BRADFORD H. ROWE	SW MORRIS RD ✓
10		CAROL C ROWE	SW MORRIS Rd ✓

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Circulator's Name (please print) LEONARD D. BURNS Date: 12/14/22

Circulator's Address 155 South St Morris, CT

Circulator's Signature  Laura Halloran
Town Clerk/Asst-Town Clerk

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1	<u>Anne Marie Fern</u>	<u>Anne Marie Fern</u>	<u>543 West Morris Rd</u>
2	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>John McCormick Jr</u>	<u>165 South St ✓</u>
3	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>Jacquelyn McCormick</u>	<u>165 South St ✓</u>
4	<u>Barbara J Keacher</u>	<u>Barbara J Keacher</u>	<u>86 South St ✓</u>
5	<u>Robert M. Keacher</u>	<u>Robert M Keacher</u>	<u>86 South St. ✓</u>
6	<u>John Seabury</u>	<u>John Seabury</u>	<u>27 Westtown Rd ✓</u>
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Circulator's Name (please print) LEONARD D. BUKUS Date: 12/19/22

Circulator's Address 155 SOUTH ST MORRIS, CT

Circulator's Signature [Signature]
Laura Haberman
Town Clerk/Asst. Town-Clerk