

Town of Morris
Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting Agenda

February 7, 2023, 4:30 PM

Hybrid Meeting
Morris Community Hall
Morris, CT

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84766117005?pwd=TTRiNGNhcUEwTnhYNmhFazZVNk81QT09>

Meeting ID: 847 6611 7005

Passcode: 440546

Dial by your location

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1. Call to order
2. Regular Meeting Minutes January 17, 2023
3. Discuss, vote and sign Warning of Special Town Meeting
4. Interlocal Agreement
5. Sandy Beach
6. Grand List
7. Correspondence
8. Appointments
9. Refunds/Abatements
10. Budget Discussion
11. Public Comment
12. Adjourn

Town of Morris

Board of Selectmen

Hybrid Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

Morris Community Hall

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

- I. Call to Order by Tom Weik at 4:35 p.m.
- II. **Motion** made by Erica Dorsett to approve Regular Meeting Minutes of January 3, 2023. Vinnie Aiello seconded. **Motion carried:** unanimous.

Motion made by Vinnie Aiello to add Road Race discussion to agenda. Erica Dorsett seconded. **Motion carried:** unanimous.

- III. **Motion** made by Erica Dorsett to go into Executive Session at 4:40 p.m. and invite Laurel Gillotti. Vinnie Aiello seconded. **Motion carried:** unanimous.

Out of Executive Session at 5:02 p.m.

Motion made by Erica Dorsett to approve collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Morris and Local 1303-105 of Council #4 AFSCME, AFL-CIO from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2026. Vinnie Aiello seconded. **Motion carried:** unanimous.

Erica Dorsett recused herself at 5:02 p.m. and left meeting.

- IV. **Motion** made by Vinnie Aiello to send Cannabis Petition to Town counsel for review. Tom Weik seconded. **Motion carried.**
- V. **Motion** made by Vinnie Aiello to adjourn at 5:45 p.m. Tom Weik seconded. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,
Laurel Gillotti, Executive Assistant

**WARNING OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF MORRIS
February 15, 2023, 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 James Morris School Gymnasium, 10 East Street, Morris, Connecticut on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. for the following purposes:

1. To consider an Ordinance Prohibiting Cannabis Establishments Within The Town of Morris (Conn. Gen. Stat. Sections 7-1, 7-6, and 21a-422f):

“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, except as lawfully and previously approved by the Town.”

2. To adjourn the vote on said Ordinance to a petitioned referendum (Conn. Gen. Stat. Sections 7-7 and 21a-422f) to be held on Wednesday, March 1, 2023 between 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Copies of the ordinance are available for public inspection in the Town Clerk’s Office.

Dated at Morris, Connecticut this 7th day of February, 2023.

Tom Weik, First Selectman

Erica Dorsett-Mathews, Selectman

Vincent Aiello, Selectman

**NOTICE OF REFERENDUM
TOWN OF MORRIS
Wednesday, March 1, 2023**

The electors of the Town of Morris and those persons entitled to vote in Town Meetings in said Town are hereby given notice that an adjourned Town Meeting vote by petitioned referendum (Conn. Gen. Stat. Sections 7-7 and 21a-422f), will take place on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, on the following question:

“Shall the following Ordinance Prohibiting Cannabis Establishments Within the Town of Morris be adopted? YES/NO

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).)

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Those desiring to vote in favor of said question shall vote “YES”.

Those desiring to vote against said question shall vote “NO”.

Voting District
Town of Morris

Location of Polling Place
Morris Community Room
3 East Street, Morris

Optical scan machines will be used. The polls will be open from 6:00 A.M. until 8:00 P.M. Absentee ballots will be available at the Town Clerk’s Office, 3 East Street, Morris, Connecticut.

Dated at Morris, Connecticut this _____ day of February, 2023.

Attest: Laura Halloran, Town Clerk

Ordinance Prohibiting Cannabis Establishments

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1st Selectman

From: Jennifer Parsons <jparsons@wzbg.com> on behalf of Jennifer Parsons
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2023 1:32 PM
To: 1stselectman@townofmorrisct.com
Cc: 'Ed Ryle'
Subject: arpa request

Hi Tom-

Thanks for considering this, especially since you've already wrapped up your process. Our initial request that was approved by the town was for:

1. \$18,000 new well
2. \$8,500 for tree removal of 11 dead ash trees
3. 6,691 for replacement windows, trim materials and labor (in main building/to replace broken, and unsecure windows)

We recently found out that we would be receiving 70% of these numbers were told to please ask Morris to contribute 30%:

Total requested: 33,191
Litchfield contribution: \$23,233
Morris contribution: \$9958

Thanks for considering this and for bringing it to your BOS. Please let me know if you have questions. An invitation to our Feb meeting will be coming!

Jenn(ifer)

General Manager
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BANTAM LAKE PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 37
MORRIS, CT 06763

January 23, 2023

First Selectman
Town of Morris
3 East Street
Morris, CT 06763

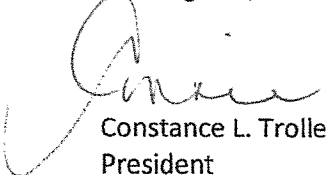
Dear First Selectman Weik,

At a recent Board of Directors meeting of the Bantam Lake Protective Association, it was unanimously voted to request that an ordinance be put in place to restrict the use of wake boarding or surfing in the South Bay of Bantam Lake. Further we suggest a distance from the shoreline throughout the lake be put into that ordinance. The wake board and surfing are a concern not only for property damage but potential injury with waves obscuring kayaks, wakeboards and smaller craft. We understand many lakes are concerned with this issue including our neighbor lake, Waramaug.

I am attaching a copy of the correspondence sent to our members. This gives a better overview.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Best regards,



Constance L. Trolle
President

Cc: Selectman Aiello
Selectman Dorsett

Impact of wake boats, irresponsible boaters on the Bantam Lake shorelines, personal property, and safety of lake residents and users.

Wake boats are designed to create a large and specifically shaped wake using ballast tanks and hull design. Wakeboarding is a water sport that combines water skiing, surfing, and snowboarding in which the rider is fastened to a board and towed behind a boat. The rider can ride the surface of the water, as well as perform wakeboarding and surfing tricks behind the boat. The type of boat that is used has a big impact on the wake boarding experience and wakeboarders are looking to enhance their experience by creating the biggest wave possible.

The Bantam Lake Protective Association, in conjunction with White Memorial and our environmental partners who help monitor the health of the lake and surrounding shoreline, are seeing an increasing concern on the impact of wakeboarding to our water resources, sediment, the surrounding environment, personal property, and overall safety. The effect of a larger wake on the shoreline of the lake is greatly exacerbated during times of high water as the wake travels higher up on the shoreline.

This communication is to both educate and ask for greater awareness and cooperation when using the lake for wakeboarding or recreational boating.

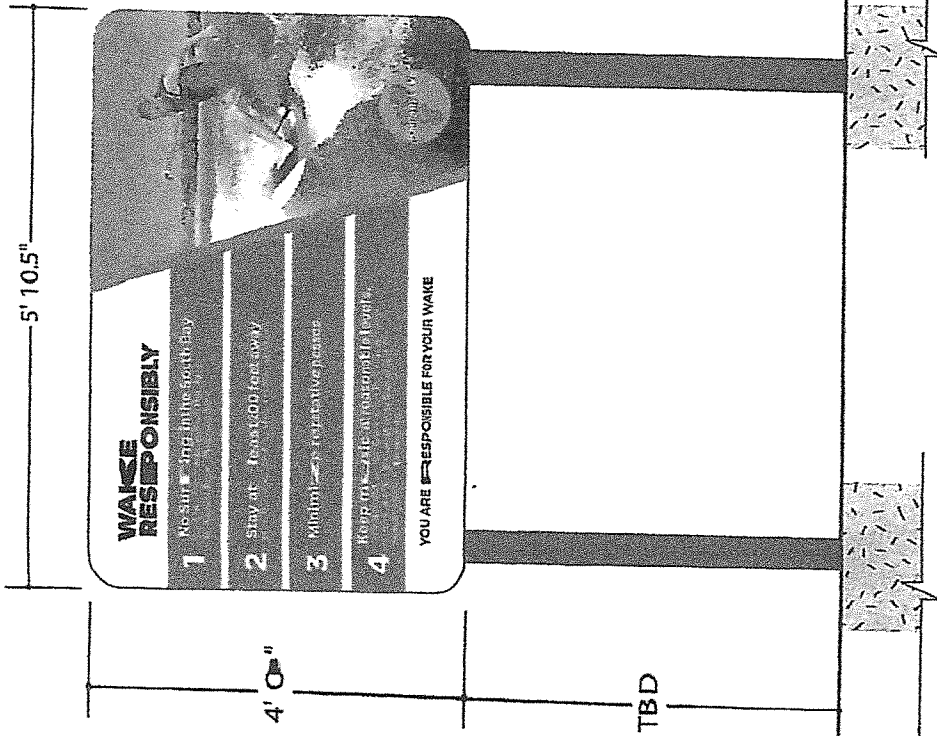
The large waves from wake boats are resulting in accelerated erosion in all Bantam Lake shorelines and particularly making a major impact in our shallow water bodies such as South Bay. All power boaters, specifically wake boaters, who operate too close to the shoreline generate large wakes that are damaging docks and moored boats, sea walls, and pose a safety concern to others such as kayakers, paddleboarders, other watercraft, and people fishing.

The Board of Bantam Lake Protective Association is asking for greater awareness and support in providing for the safety of others and the protection of our lake. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Keep wakeboarding activities to the center of the lake and only in deep water
- All wake-producing watercraft should operate at least 150' from the shoreline
- No wakeboarding in South Bay due to the very shallow water
- Maintain extra distance from kayakers, paddleboards, swimmers, and all others who could be impacted by large wakes

Thank you in advance for helping to maintain the quality of Bantam Lake, the surrounding environment, and the safety of our neighbors.

- BANTAM LAKE PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION



Scale: 1/2" = 1'

Front View

End View

COLORS/MATERIALS

Face: .080" Thk. Alum Faces. Painted White (satin finish)
 Copy: All graphics to be digitally printed on 1st surface
 Post: 4" x 4" Wooden Posts direct buried into footing
 Footing: 2' 0" Dia. #3000 Concrete.

Print 5161JK-4 Date 12/15/22

CLIENT APPROVAL

ES# 44173	Line 1	SP ML
Title	Lauretano Sign Group	
City/State	Terryville, CT	
Customer	Lauretano Sign Group	
Int. Note		

Sign Type	Post and Panel Sign
Location	As Illustrated
Size	4' 0" x 5' 10.5" (23.5 sqft)
Description	Post and Panel Sign

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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**TOWN OF MORRIS
ASSESSORS OFFICE
3 EAST ST
MORRIS, CT 06763**

To: Tom Weik, First Selectman

From: Betsy A. Quist, Assessor

Date: January 26, 2023

Cc: Board of Finance

Re: Grand List Figures

GRAND LIST CHANGES

	2021 GRAND LIST	2022 GRAND LIST	CHG
REAL ESTATE	\$314,996,170	\$421,722,753	34%
PERSONAL PROPERTY	\$8,323,060	\$8,443,742	1.45%
MOTOR VEHICLES	\$28,982,090	\$31,654,624	9.3%
TOTAL GRAND LIST	352,301,320	\$461,821,119	31.09%

<u>GRAND LIST MAKEUP</u>	<u>ASSESSMENT</u>	<u>% OF GRAND LIST</u>
RESIDENTIAL	377,669,023	89.4%
COMMERCIAL	18,527,690	4.4%
INDUSTRIAL	1,596,570	.40%
VACANT LAND	22,632,500	5.3%
FARM/FOREST/OPEN	1,761,970	.50%
TOTAL	422,187,753	100.00%

Town of Morris
 Assessor's Office
 3 East Street, Morris, CT 06763
 (860) 567-6096

**TOP TEN TAXPAYERS
 GRAND LIST OCTOBER 1, 2022**

<u>NAME OF TAXPAYER</u>	<u>ASSESSMENT</u>	<u>PROPERTY TYPE</u>
1. DUNN LLC	8,785,160	REAL ESTATE
2. CITY OF WATERBURY	6,681,850	REAL ESTATE
3. WHITE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION	6,679,850	REAL ESTATE
4. WHITE FLOWER FARMS INC	2,926,760	REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY
5. RELLA GERARDA M	2,915,530	REAL ESTATE
6. DUFOUR JOHN R TRUSTEE	2,293,130	REAL ESTATE
7. DOWNES ROBERT W & MARY ANN G	2,098,520	REAL ESTATE
8. ZAMPINI FAMILY LLC	2,038,580	REAL ESTATE
9. TAROUDANT LLC	2,036,390	REAL ESTATE
10. LONGO CHRISTINE J REV TRUST	1,737,090	REAL ESTATE

TOWN OF MORRIS
GRAND LIST ABSTRACT FOR OCTOBER 1, 2022

	ACCOUNTS	GROSS AMT	EXEMPTIONS	NET ASSESSMENT
TAXABLE REAL ESTATE	1466	422,187,753	465,000	421,722,753
REAL ESTATE EXEMPT	63	22,899,510	22,899,510	
TOTAL REAL ESTATE	1529	445,087,263	23,364,510	421,722,753
TOTAL REAL ESTATE TAXABLE	1466	422,187,753	465,000	421,722,753
PERSONAL PROPERTY	159	10,734,258	2,290,516	8,443,742
MOTOR VEHICLE	2905	31,726,364	71,740	31,654,624
FINAL TOTALS	4593	487,547,885	25,726,766	461,821,119
FINAL TAXABLE TOTALS	4530	464,648,375	2,827,256	461,821,119

I, BETSY A. QUIST, ASSESSOR OF THE TOWN OF MORRIS, CONNECTICUT, HEREBY SUBSCRIBE AND MAKE AN OATH THAT THE TAX LIST AND THE ABSTRACT OF THE PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF MORRIS, CONNECTICUT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 1, 2022, ARE MADE PURSUANT TO THE LAWS AND CUSTOMS, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, AND MADE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION. SIGNED THE 26TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2023



Betsy A Quist, Assessor


Laura Halloran, Town Clerk