

Town of Morris
Board of Selectmen
Hybrid Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Morris Community Hall



Board Members Present: Tom Weik, Laurey Weiner, Denise Weik

- I. Call to Order by Tom Weik at 4:30 p.m.
- II. **Motion** made by Denise Weik approve Regular Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2026. Laurey Weiner seconded. **Motion carried:** unanimous.
- III. **Motion** made by Denise Weik to approve the following Abatement/Refund of property taxes as recommended by Tax Collector, Rebecca Juchert-Derungs in the total amount of \$92.06 for David Harkness. Laurey Weiner seconded. **Motion carried:** unanimous.
- IV. **Motion** made by Laurey Weiner to send recommended 2026-2027 budget to the Board of Finance. Denise Weik seconded. **Motion carried:** unanimous.

Motion made by Denise Weik to add 5a. Appointments to agenda. Laurey Weiner seconded. **Motion carried:** unanimous.

Motion made by Denise Weik to appoint Michael Schwarzchild to the Board of Education Ad Hoc Committee. Laurey Weiner seconded. **Motion carried:** unanimous.

Motion made by Denise Weik to appoint Roy Bouffard to the RSD #6, Pension as a Trustee. Laurey Weiner seconded. **Motion carried:** unanimous.

- V. First Selectman's Monthly Report (attached)
- VI. **Motion** made by Denise Weik to adjourn at 4:54 pm. Laurey Weiner seconded. **Motion carried:** unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurel Gillotti, Executive Assistant

First Selectman's Monthly Activity Report

Grants & Funding Initiatives

- Applied for a \$2,000,000 grant through the Interior Community Project Funding Request via Representative Jahana Hayes' office for an alum treatment project at Bantam Lake.
- Collaborated with the Regional Emergency Planning Team to secure \$20,800 for the Region 5 Dive Team. Funds were used to purchase equipment including DUI gloves, neck seals, floating communication cables, two complete gear setups, and a drysuit. All items have been purchased.
- Received an Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) in the amount of \$3,162.28. Thanks to the hard work by Emergency Management Director David Hardt, Executive Assistant Laurel Gillotti and Treasurer Rick Nicoletti.

Meetings & Intergovernmental Coordination

- Met with Selectmen from Warren and Goshen.
- Participated in the following meetings:
 - Northwest Hills Council of Governments (COG)
 - Board of Finance (BOF)
 - Region 5 Emergency Support Function 7
 - REPT (Regional Emergency Planning Team) Co-Chairman
- Participated in ongoing coordination meetings with municipal staff and officials, including:
 - Chief of LVA (weekly)
 - Chief of Morris Fire Company
 - Assessor, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Registrars
 - Highway Foreman and Transfer Station Foreman
 - Activities Director

Legislative & Policy Engagement

- Met with Representative Karen Reddington-Hughes to discuss proposed legislation and solar array development in Morris.
- As a member of the Council of Small Towns (COST) Board of Directors, participated in a board meeting covering:
 - Solid waste management strategies
 - Legislative updates on education funding, legal notices, housing, and local zoning
 - Review of proposed legislation, including "An Act Prohibiting Certain Land Use and Zoning Limitations on Housing," addressing restrictions on zoning provisions, housing types, and subdivisions
 - Municipal representation on the Siting Council
 - Wake surfing regulations and solar permitting (HB 5036 – Residential Solar Building Permits)