

MORRIS HOUSING AUTHORITY
SPECIAL MEETING AUGUST 17, 2026
Eldridge Community Room

Called to order at 7:00

Commissioners present: Mark Halloran, Sharen Clark, Deb Lafreniere (Tenant Commissioner), Eugene Savickas

Commissioners absent: Denise Weik

Others present: Executive Director Jim Simoncelli Jr., Gwen Burgess from CGT Financial Services

Tenants present: Julie Clifford (unit #8), Hellen Wasti (unit #12), Rose Cook (unit #18), Regina Seegers (unit #19), Carolyn Phillips (unit #17), Roger Ancil (unit #15), Jim Lafreniere (unit #10), Dot Deluca (unit #5), Donna Spongberg (unit #11)

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting – 7-20-26 – Motion made by Sharen Clark to approve Minutes from Regular Meeting on June 15, 2026. Motion seconded by Deb Lafreniere. One commissioner abstained. Motion passed.

Resident /Public Comment

One resident asked about the clotheslines at Eldridge and stated that some of the lights near their apartment were not working.

Bills and Communications

Nothing to report at this time.

Report of the Executive Director

Jim Simoncelli Jr. stated that the Town of Morris Assessor will be conducting the Renters Rebate program for the residents of Eldridge on August 27, 2026 in the Eldridge Community Room from 12pm-1pm.

Jim Simoncelli Jr. mentioned that the Litchfield Housing Authority and the Litchfield Social Services will be organizing upcoming programs and all of the activities will be open for the residents of Eldridge. Upcoming events will be the senior picnic and bingo.

Jim Simoncelli Jr. reported that most of the residents returned the clothesline survey and Jim read the results of that survey. After brief discussion it was determined that one more clothesline will be put up behind units 17 and 18 where one used to be located.

Jim Simoncelli Jr. stated that the upcoming Conn-Nahro convention will be held Aug 23-Aug26 at the Mohegan Sun Convention Center.

Jim Simoncelli Jr., who also serves as the Chairman of the Salvation Army Service Unit of Litchfield Hills, mentioned that the Salvation Army is nearing the end of their fiscal year and if anyone is in need of emergency assistance please let him know.

Unfinished Business

- a. Critical Needs Grant (Priority Needs)
 - i. Jim Simoncelli Jr. reported that the final punch list items for the window replacement should happen within the next 2-weeks and this will wrap up the window project.
- b. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
 - i. Jim Simoncelli Jr. stated that Mark Halloran signed the contract with SRC and the first kickoff meeting between SRC, MHA, and the Town will be held on Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at 11AM in the MHA Community Room.
 - ii. Jim Simoncelli Jr. mentioned that the construction phase of Morris Meadows is out to bid and the pre-bid walkthrough will be held on Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at 10AM. Bids will be due on September 3 at 2pm in the office of the First Selectman.
- c. CSC Laundry Service
 - i. Jim Simoncelli Jr. stated that a Notice to Quit was Send out to CSC and that the tentative install date for the new laundry company will be Oct 1, 2026.

New Business

- a. State Report – 6/30/26
 - i. Jim Simoncelli Jr. and Gwen Burgess from CGT Financial Services presented the Interim Statement of Operations for period ending 6/30/26. After brief discussion, motion made by Eugene Savickas to approve the Interim Statement of Operations for period ending 6/30/26. Motion seconded by Deb Lafreniere. Motion passed.

Executive Session

- a. Legal Matters
 - Motion made by Deb Lafreniere to enter Executive Session. Motion seconded by Sharen Clarke. Motion passed. Executive Session was entered at 7:28.
 - Motion made by Sharen Clarke to exit Executive Session. Motion seconded by Deb Lafreniere. Motion passed. Executive Session was exited at 7:44.
 - No action taken.

Motion made by Eugene Savickas to adjourn meeting. Motion seconded by Sharen Clark. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Simoncelli Jr.
Executive Director
Morris Housing Authority