

**Meeting Minutes
Town of Morristown
March 9, 2021**

Present: David VanArnam, Gary Turner, Chris Coffin, Shawn Macaulay, Frank Putman
Also Present: Gregg Mallette (Codes), Dean Hoffman (Highway)

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Shawn Macaulay

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Councilman Macaulay and seconded by Councilman Turner to approve the minutes of February 9, 2021 as approved.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Chris Coffin, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

Correspondence: The Supervisor received notice of a meeting on the Multi- Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan update.

Old Business

- 1. Supervisors Update:** No update.
- 2. REDI Grant Update:** The Clerk updated the Board that the County Legislature had approved funds for the purchase of equipment for the addition pumping station on Bay Street.
- 3. Bayside Park Dock Repair Grant Update:** The Clerk reported that he was working on an extension with FEMA for the repair grant.
- 4. Distributed Solar Development Project Update:** The Board has approved the Decommissioning Bond. The Code Officer reported that the permit for the project has been issued.
- 5. Municipal Building Design Update:** Shawn Macaulay reported that the committee met recently to review an updated design. They discussed the elevator and air handling equipment, and the need to change the landing height of the stairs.
- 6. Capital Replacement Planning:** Councilman Coffin gave the Board an information sheet showing the current (to date) balances of the bank accounts the town has. The Board will receive a preliminary capital replacement plan. Councilman Coffin told the Board that it was incumbent upon them to manage cash reserves.
- 7. Incorporation of Village Zoning Law into Town Land Use Code:** Code Enforcement Officer, Gregg Mallette, asked the Board how they want to proceed with the review of the two land use laws. The Board referred the review to the Zoning Board for review.
- 8. Public Employer Health Emergency Plan Acceptance:** The Board will review the plan. The Clerk informed the Board that the plan must be in place by April 1, 2021.

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- 9. Surplus Properties Sales:** The Board looked at two properties they want to put up for sale. The Town attorney has provided guidance on the procedure. Councilman Macaulay was in favor of subdividing the 8-acre parcel. The Board agreed to look at that option. The 2-acre parcel is a portion of an abandoned railroad bed bounded by 4 private parcels. A motion was made by Councilman Coffin, seconded by Councilman VanArnam, to have the clerk send letters to the surrounding landowners of the 2-acre parcel to gauge their interest in buying their half of the parcel.
Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Chris Coffin, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye
- 10. County Route 2 Street Lights:** The Highway Superintendent measured the distance of the identified National Grid poles from the edge of the road and found most were too far in to provide sufficient light on the roadway. The clerk was asked to write a letter to the party requesting additional streetlights informing them of the Town's decision.
- 11.** A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam and seconded by Councilman Macaulay. To proclaim April 2021 the Month of The Military Child.

PROCLAMATION The Month of the Military Child

Whereas, April is designated as the Month of the Military Child, underscoring the important role military children play in the armed forces community; and
Whereas, the Month of the Military Child is a time to applaud military families and their children for the daily sacrifices they make and the challenges they overcome; and
Whereas, the Month of the Military Child is part of the legacy left by former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, who established this Defense Department commemoration in 1986; and
Whereas, Military children deal with separations, deployments, frequent moves and even their parents' injuries as part of the life they were born into or entered with their families; and
Whereas, Military children move an average of 10 times while growing up; these frequent moves, exposure to different cultures and languages and immersion in military customs are all common, life-defining experiences in the military child culture.
Whereas, the term "military brat" is a badge of pride worn by generations of kids who traveled the world with their parents, moving into adulthood with the knowledge that they have the strength to handle anything; and
Whereas, Military Children often follow in the traditions of their parents and enter military service to defend our nation; and
Whereas the strength and resiliency of the Military Child is inspirational to our nation.
NOW, Therefore the Town of Morristown, in recognition of the importance of the Military Child and their contributions to our nation's strength and resilience, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2021 to be
in the Town of Morristown and encourage all citizens to direct their attention to the important role Military Children play in our armed forces community.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Chris Coffin, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

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Department Reports

Highway Department: Highway Superintendent Dean Hoffman reported that the final salt order was received for the year.

Code Enforcement: Code Officer Gregg Mallette reported that he has issued 11 permits so far this year and has 5 thousand in revenue.

Sewer Districts: The wastewater districts have been quiet. A water leak was found under the Bay Bridge and the leak will be repaired soon. DANC has assigned a new employee to work in Morristown. The employee has a lot of experience in vacuum systems.

Executive Session 7:45 PM Councilman VanArnam moved to enter executive session to discussed matters relating to potential litigation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Chris Coffin, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

8:25 PM the Board left executive session and the supervisor reported no action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned upon motion at 8:25 PM.

Meeting minutes prepared and respectfully submitted by David Murray Town Clerk