

TOWN OF MARLBORO, VERMONT
MARLBORO PRE-TOWN MEETING ELECTION
~ Minutes of Informational Meeting Meeting # 1 of 4 ~

October 25, 2025 @ 2 pm in the Marlboro Community Center & by video conference

Legal voters and interested persons are further warned and notified that an Informational Meeting (discussion and information, no voting) to prepare for the 2026 Town Meeting Election will meet in-person & via ZOOM on **Saturday, October 25, 2025**, from 2:00-4:00 pm at the Marlboro Community Center (in-person) or for those who prefer joining remotely via ZOOM, below is the following link and/or phone number: *Join Zoom Meeting [Https://Us02web.Zoom.U...](https://Us02web.Zoom.U...) Meeting Id: 897 5593 9733 To Join By Phone: 1-646-558-8656*

Present: Marlboro Select Board members Molly Welch & Jeff Skramstad, Town Administrator Nick Morgan, Town Clerk Forrest Holzapfel, Nancy & Lou Tognan, Lucy Gratwick, Nancy Anderson, Clarence Cook, T Hunter Wilson, Marcia Hamilton, Evan Wyse, Steven John, Max Ranall, Yuhan Zhang, Kate Morgan

online: Don & Linda Fuhrman, Gussie Bartlett, Timothy Whitney, David Holzapfel, Sandra Muschler, Lisa
Called to order by Molly Welch at 2:05 pm

Select Board Chair Molly Welch and Town Administrator Nick Morgan explained the procedure for this meeting, the first of 4 informational meetings in advance of the 2026 Town Meeting Election. Molly further detailed their list of meeting topics broadly:

- Town Administrator Nick Morgan announced that BCTV will be recording this and forthcoming meetings and the recordings will be posted here <https://www.brattleborotv.org/videos/government-ed/>
- The December 13, 2025 meeting will focus on the town roads with the Road Foreman.
- The January 17, 2026 meeting will focus on the 2026 Town budget.
- The February 28, 2026 meeting will be the statutory informational meeting right before the Town Meeting Election on March 3, 2026.

Molly then described the Select Board's work from the last six months:

- The Town Personnel Policy has been updated by SB including a pay scale structure.
- Local Hazard Mitigation Plan has been updated with help from a grant. Keats Diffenbach is the local Emergency Management Coordinator alongside Emergency Management Director Jay Sparks.
- New Zoning Administrator Jessica Roberts has been hired and has lots of experience and formerly worked as Zoning Administrator for the Town of Wilmington.
- Everyone thanks former Zoning Administrator Mary Sargent for her 19 years of service for the town.

- Updated town Road Sign Policy working with Road Foreman and e911 Coordinator Allan McLane.
- Currently the Road Ordinance is being worked on to make uniform guidelines for all people who are building new roads in town and looking at the possibility of declassifying certain sections of roads which have no year-round residents (sections of Stark Road & Old Hogback Road).
- Green Mountain Power has been doing extensive burial of their utilities on Ames Hill Road and the town is thankful for their efforts and culvert work that has been done, improving infrastructure.
- The former Hogback Mountain Ski Area First Aid building was demolished this last spring.
- Stratton Hill Road road improvements project and new ditching went well. Some friction with landowners has led to improved process for upcoming work on Ames Hill Road in summer 2026.
- Clarence Cook asked about the sick, dying ash trees from Emerald Ash Borer and Molly Welch described the plan in process.
- Forrest Holzapfel outlined the process of petitioning the local government as well as the calendar for the actions coming before the Town Meeting Election on March 3, 2026.
- Selectboard discussed that the budgets recently have been elevated and the Treasurer has been producing quarterly reports for closely monitoring town spending.
- Forrest Holzapfel discussed the town-wide reappraisal process and the valuation of Potash Hill and the broad timeline for the new values coming out in late May 2026.

Open Session for questions and discussion from residents

- Clarence Cook asked about the lack of shooting ranges and hopes people are shooting safely in town.
- Nancy Anderson asked about the availability of the Town Report before the election and its timeline.
- The recycling center has been clean, well-maintained and working for residents. Brief discussion about what to do when the boxes are full. Molly Welch is aware the cost of the recycling is high.
- Molly Welch asked Cemetery Commissioner Marcia Hamilton about her board's work and Marcia spoke about the gravestones which have been repaired.
- Forrest Holzapfel discussed plot sales in the new King Cemetery which has been going well.
- Tim Whitney asked about the three new cabins recently built on Potash Hill.
 - Lucy Gratwick answered that the buildings are for musicians in the summer but will be rented out in other seasons
- Brief discussion of Clark Warren Cemetery.
- Discussion about the retirement accounts (VMERS) and how the town will be paying off this item.
- Nick Morgan promoted the Select Board meetings which happen the second and fourth of each month.