



Special Meeting

Thursday, February 12, 2026, 7:00 p.m.
Community Room, 43 Bombardier Road, Milton, VT 05468
In Person and/or Via Zoom

Selectboard Members Present: Michael Morgan, Vice Chair; Brenda Steady, Clerk; Leland Morgan, Member; Diane Barrows, Member

Selectboard Members Absent: Darren Adams, Chair

Staff Present: Chris Taylor, Town Manager; Brittany Tradup, Executive Assistant to the Town Manager; Amber N. Baker, Finance Director

Others Present: Betsy Paret; Marty Steinhausen; Sean Tatro; Kary O'Brien Towne; Peter Lavallee; Michael Frett, *The Islander*; "Trevors iPhone" (remote); Jo Parah (remote); Roberta Wermer (remote); Jennifer Taylor (remote); Irene Wrenner (remote); April Christenson (remote); Nancy Hawley (remote); "Cathy" (remote)

I. Call to Order

M. Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

II. Flag Salute

M. Morgan led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Agenda Review

No changes.

IV. Public Forum on Proposed 1% Local Option Tax

Chris Taylor, Town Manager

C. Taylor presented information on the proposed 1% Local Option Tax (LOT) to be decided by voters on the March 3, 2026, ballot. The tax would apply to sales, meals, alcoholic beverages, and rooms already subject to State tax. Under this program, the State collects the revenue and returns 75% to the Town, keeping 25% for administrative costs and the Payment in Lieu of Taxes program.

The LOT is estimated to generate approximately \$581,594 annually for Milton. The primary goals are to reduce the burden on property taxpayers, capture revenue from non-residents, and provide a predictable funding source for capital planning.

C. Taylor reviewed the content on the landing page created by the Town to address commonly asked questions, including what is taxable vs. exempt and potential uses for the revenue:

<https://www.miltonvt.gov/LOT>

C. Taylor, A. Baker and Selectboard members responded to comments and questions from attendees, including: P. Lavallee, R. Wermer, S. Tatro and K. O'Brien Towne.

V. Adjournment

**Motion made by L. Morgan to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m., with a second by D. Barrows.
Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned by M. Morgan.**

All documents pertaining to this meeting may be viewed using the following link:

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A video recording of this meeting can be found at the following location:

<https://miltonvt.sharepoint.com/:v:/s/TownOfMiltonFilesFolders/IQDL2PeA5CjcQYrMpK6KILpjAT11zxql5bGGQ0YhHrRmGZ8?e=JywwT>

Minutes recorded and submitted by Brittany Tradup, Executive Assistant to the Town Manager

APPROVED
MINUTES:

Brenda Steady, Clerk

Brenda Steady, Clerk

2-17-26

Date

ATTEST:

Kirsti Beas

Milton Town Clerk

2/18/26

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