

TOWN OF MARLBORO
REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING
Thursday, January 12, 2012

ATTENDANCE:

Present were select board members Lucy Gratwick, chair; Craig Hammond and Andrea Livermore. Also present were Road Foreman, David Elliott; Town Treasurer, Linda Peters; Select Board Assistant, Marcia Hamilton.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting came to order at 4:30 p.m.

APPROVAL AND SIGNATURE OF PAY ORDERS:

The Board approved and signed pay orders.

SCHEDULED AND UNSCHEDULED TIME:

No member of the public was present during the unscheduled open public comment period.

David Elliott and the Board discussed the highway budget and possible debris removal along the Branch Brook. Drew Adam of the Natural Resource Conservation Service provided information about a grant funded by the United States Department of Agriculture to mobilize five sites for debris removal. The grant pays 75% of the cost; the remaining 25% is paid by the town. The Board asked David Elliott to contact Tim Racine to provide an estimate to do the work. Lucy will contact Tim.

Discussion then shifted to the FY 2012 town budget.

The Board voted to recommend 3.6% cost of living increase for town officers and employees.

Andrea Livermore and Linda Peters will review human resources items using a template to create a policy handbook.

The Town is no longer contributing to Health Savings Accounts because the health insurance plan changed. At the same time the premium has gone down. Andrea and Linda will address equity in insurance during policy review. They will also look into the feasibility of adding a short-term disability benefit.

Linda will provide an updated budget for the final FY 2012 budget discussion on Thursday, 01/26/2012

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Board approved the minutes of the regular meeting of 12/22/2011 and the special meeting of 01/05/2012.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board will add an additional explanation in the Town Annual Report for Tropical Storm Irene expenses

To date there has been no response from attorneys regarding the location of the FBI communication tower at Hogback.

The Board had no further comments regarding responses to a *Brattleboro Reformer* article about mountain biking at Hogback. The Select Board read two emails in opposition to mountain biking at Hogback in response to a recent Reformer article reporting that the Select Board approved mountain biking at Hogback over the next year on a trial basis, on specific trails. Craig will provide further explanation to the two who sent the emails.

The Board finalized the Select Board Report for the Annual Report to be sent to the Auditors.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board appointed Carrie Kowalski Green Up Day Coordinator.

INFORMATION ITEMS AND MAIL:

The Board reviewed its copy for information of a schematic of a bridge on Route 9 near MacArthur Road from the Vermont Agency of Transportation.

ADJOURN;

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Hamilton, Select Board Assistant