

TOWN OF MARLBORO
REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING
Thursday, April 26, 2012

ATTENDANCE:

Present were select board members Craig Hammond, chair; Andrea Livermore and Pieter van Loon. Also present was Marcia Hamilton, Select Board Assistant.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting came to order at 6:00 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. No other persons were present during the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Board approved the minutes of the regular meeting of 04/12/2012 and the special meeting of 04/16/2012.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board discussed the advice obtained from legal counsel, Paul Gillies, and the source and terms of payment for the back Hogback communication tower lease payments. The Board (Pieter recused) voted as follows:

The Town of Marlboro agrees to pay \$6,000 to Hogback Properties, LLC in back lease payments; \$3,000 of which will come from the General Fund and \$3,000 of which will come from lease payments made to the Town of Marlboro by the U. S. Government for lease of a communications tower. (Craig/Andrea)

Before the meeting adjourned, the Board signed and mailed a letter to Hogback Properties, LLC stating the above vote and that the two installments would be issued by May 15 and by June 15, 2012.

The animal control matter was postponed at the April 12 meeting and taken up at this meeting. Craig Hammond reported he plans to meet with Annie Guion, Director of the Windham County Humane Society. He has not met with the Windham County Sheriff's Department. The Animal Control Officer (ACO) job description will be posted on the town web site and an article and job description will appear in the next *Mixer*. Craig learned the position is paid. However, the previous ACO chose not to submit time cards for his time and requested only reimbursement for expenses.

Craig asked Marcia Hamilton to reply to Joann Nichols, Cruelty Response System Project Coordinator, Vermont Humane Federation, and let her know we have an ACO vacancy and may

not have someone in place for several weeks. She is trying to establish a training program for animal control officers in Bennington and Windham counties.

Craig reported a resident contacted him with a plea for help for high-speed internet access in her Higley Hill Road neighborhood. After discussion, the Board decided to refer the issue to the new Neighborhood Network committee that is forming and will meet soon. The committee may wish to learn what areas of town have are already served by high-speed internet and what areas are not for better neighborhood networking.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board scheduled a bid opening meeting for Monday, May 14, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. at the Town Office for construction of Bridge #24 on Collins Road. A warning will be posted in advance.

INFORMATION ITEMS AND MAIL:

In response to a note left by the Town Clerk, Pieter van Loon as Tree Warden will assess the condition of some leaning birch trees behind the Town House.

ADJOURN:

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia L. Hamilton, Select Board Assistant