

TOWN OF MARLBORO  
REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, September 11, 2012

**ATTENDANCE:**

Present were select board members Craig Hammond, chair; Andrea Livermore and Pieter van Loon. Also present were David Elliott, Bob Elliott, Nora Wilson, Ed Metcalfe and Marcia Hamilton.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting came to order at 6:00 PM in the Town House.

**APPROVAL AND SIGNATURE OF PAY ORDERS:**

The board approved and signed pay orders.

**SCHEDULED AND UNSCHEDULED TIME:**

Bob Elliott came during the unscheduled open public comment period to deliver a chart he made of a poll he took of residents along Higley Hill Road regarding the question of paving the road. The board will take up the matter again at the October 25 meeting.

Nora Wilson, town coordinator for FEMA paperwork involving TS Irene, and David Elliott were present for Nora's report regarding FEMA reimbursement for reconstruction of Bridge 23, Collins road. The FEMA scope of work is substantially short of David Elliott's assessment of what needs to be done so the town appealed. FEMA's position is the project is an "improved project" for which FEMA would not reimburse, leaving the entire expense to the town. The contractor wants to begin before October 1. Nora will send another letter requesting the bridge's status be approved as improved project.

The board went into Executive Session (Livermore/van Loon) to discuss a personnel matter at 6:50 and voted (Livermore/van Loon) to come out at 7:07. No decisions were made.

Ed Metcalfe returned to review his written request to have the select board help initiate the process to reduce the speed limit on Route 9 over Hogback. He spoke with a Senior State Trooper, Genevra Cushman, who indicated she feels the speed limit should be lowered at Hogback and in front of the school. Ed stated a lot of accidents at Hogback do not get reported. He cited a study by Stevens Engineering that stated 250,000 people get out of their cars at Hogback each year. Ed made a calculation using different criteria and his findings of the number of visitors a year was also 250,000.

The board will draft a letter to Nelson Blanchard, Vermont Agency of Transportation District Transportation Administrator requesting the lowering of the speed limit and providing supporting documentation. Ed Metcalf will also write a letter with new supporting information and submit it to the select board for transmittal with the board's letter. The select board will aim to review its draft letter at the October 11 meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The board approved the minutes of the Regular meeting of 08/23/2012 and will review the minutes of the Special meeting of 09/06/2012 at the September 27 meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Andrea reviewed the new Irene disaster recovery information and the board decided no action is required. Andrea will attend the Williamsville TS Irene recovery workshop scheduled for September 13, 2012.

There was brief discussion about Whitaker Farm Road but no new information was presented and no action was taken.

Brief discussion occurred about the Green Mountain Power poles and wires on Church Hollow Road. Select board members will facilitate a meeting among residents on that road and the power company to clarify understanding.

The board discussed openings on the Development Review Board and Planning Commission and possible candidates who expressed interest in filling vacancies. Board members will continue to follow up with those interested and refer them to the chairs of the boards for further discussions.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

With regard to the Green Mountain Power pole and wire location within the right-of-way of Augur Hole Road, David Ward of GMP advised the board not to take any action to set up a hearing until he indicates it may do so. An easement has been returned for one of the abutters and he expects the other landowner will sign and return an easement thereby cancelling the reason for the select board to take any action.

The board will review the Draft 2012 VLCT Municipal Policy at the September 27 meeting.

**INFORMATION ITEMS AND MAIL:**

Andrea Livermore will be vice chair while Craig Hammond is away for several weeks. There was no additional information or mail for discussion.

**ADJOURN:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia L. Hamilton, Select Board Assistant