

TOWN OF MARLBORO  
REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, November 29, 2012

**ATTENDANCE:**

Present were select board members Craig Hammond, chair; Andrea Livermore and Pieter van Loon. Also present were Laura Sibilia, Director and Patrick Moreland, Board member of Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS); David Elliott, Road Foreman and Marcia Hamilton, Select Board Assistant.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting came to order at 4:30 PM.

**APPROVAL AND SIGNATURE OF PAY ORDERS:**

The board approved and signed pay orders.

**SCHEDULED AND UNSCHEDULED TIME:**

Laura Sibilia and Patrick Moreland presented the purpose and development of SeVEDS. They are aiming to support projects that would economically benefit all citizens in their region, including the Town of Marlboro. They presented their FY 2013 Work Plan and in a letter are asking all towns "...to contribute towards the regional economic development effort at the rate of \$3.00 per person, based on town population." They are working on the public relations aspect to educate voters. Marlboro is open to hosting a public meeting for its residents and residents of other towns. Someone from SeVEDS would facilitate discussion. The select board requires them to submit a petition for the request to be a separate Article on the Town Meeting Warning. A link to SeVEDS' website will be added to the Marlboro website.

Peggy Tiffany requested guard rails be installed on Augur Hole Road at some strategic places where she feels it is unsafe. Craig Hammond read Arlene Hanson's email requesting consideration of installation of guard rails on certain spots along the road. David Elliott said guard rails do not necessarily make the road safer and they cause damage to vehicles. If the slope is less than 1:1 in those areas, the town is not required to install guard rails.

The board discussed the cost of guardrails would be tens of thousands of dollars, funds which are not in the current highway budget. The board agrees a greater definition along the road would create a perception of greater safety. The power company has not placed a pole in a particular spot so that would best occur first before anything else is actually placed in the area. Andrea suggested planting trees. Pieter van Loon is also the Town Tree warden and he said a tree such as an oak might grow better in the sandy soil. Peggy suggested putting something in the *Mixer*. Andrea will write an article for the next *Mixer* to share the scope of the issues. The discussion will be ongoing.

David Elliott reported on proposed improvements to Bridge 23 on Collins Road, after almost nine months of negotiations with FEMA to secure funding to repair the bridge. It now appears that the town will finally be approved for funding to complete all that we consider critical for safe use of the bridge in the future. FEMA has approved a change in the scope of work. This means that all the beams will be replaced and a solid safe railing will be installed along with other improvements. Daniels Construction has been awarded the contract to do the work, and have said they think they can begin in mid-December.

(Update: They have now said they will start after the first of the year, 2013.) This bridge does not qualify for Hazard Mitigation grant funding because it has not met with disaster at least three times.

David reported on Higley Hill Road paving cost information. David is pulling together data regarding number of times of grading, price of chloride, price of fuel, price of materials. He may need a traffic study. He said there are a lot of variables such as mud season when more or less materials are used.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The board approved the minutes of the regular meeting of 11/08/2012. (Livermore/van Loon)

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The board discussed the request from the junior high to install a security camera at the recycling center. Piet will talk with Windham Solid Waste Management District about implications of using cameras and whether they have loaners. Andrea will research cameras and Craig will speak with the Sheriff about legal issues about using a camera at the recycling center.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The board made the following appointments:

Bennett Grout to the Planning Commission, 4-year Member Term, vacancy, to Expire 2014;

Gail MacArthur to the Development Review Board, 1-year Alternate Term, vacancy, to expire 2013; Julia von Ranson to the Development Review Board, 4-year Member Term, vacancy, to Expire 2014

**INFORMATION ITEMS AND MAIL:**

Vermont Home Energy Challenge, email referral sent to Craig will be forwarded by him to Kip Tewksbury, Energy Coordinator. Under the challenge, local organizations will raise public awareness about energy-saving opportunities in the home.

Rail Passenger Service Central Corridor Saint Albans, VT to through Brattleboro to New London, CT petition will be revised and signed at the next meeting.

The board signed a notification from the Listers of a Grand List change; (van Loon/Livermore);

**ADJOURN:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia L. Hamilton, Select Board Assistant