

TOWN OF MARLBORO
REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING
Thursday December 13, 2012

ATTENDANCE:

Present were select board members Craig Hammond, chair; Andrea Livermore and Pieter van Loon. Also present were Hal Himmelstein, chair of Hogback Preservation Committee; Forrest Holzapfel, Lister and Assistant Town Clerk; Nora Wilson, Town Clerk; 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:

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

Hal Himmelstein presented the proposed 2013 Hogback Mountain Conservation Association (HMCA) Budget. The board approved the budget (van Loon/Hammond) of \$3,800. The HMCA budget is attached to these minutes. Hal also expressed concern at the low yield in the money market account and said he would like to consider moving \$14,000 to the CD which would raise the total to \$120,000 and keep the remaining amount of a few thousand dollars in the money market account. He will propose this at his Hogback Preservation Commission meeting in January and report back to the board.

Forrest Holzapfel presented the FY13 Lister Budget for consideration. He also discussed proposed salary and benefits when he takes the Town Clerk position in January, 2013. The board will consider the discussion as it moves forward with the 2013 town budget beginning at the next select board meeting.

Nora Wilson reported on Bridge 23. She indicated Daniels Construction is unable to set an approach railing while the ground is frozen. She plans to continue working with Bridge 23 FEMA administrative work after she retires as Town Clerk. She requested compensation of \$20 per hour and medical benefits. Her requests will be taken up during budget talks.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND REPORTS:

The board approved the 11/29/2012 minutes of the regular select board meeting and the select board report for the *Mixer*. Andrea Livermore will submit a separate report to the *Mixer* about concerns of residents about the wide corner on Augur Hole Road. The Decision for Adams Brook Road will be prepared for signature at the 12/27/2012 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

The board signed the Rail Passenger Service Resolution for the support of efforts of the Central Corridor Rail Coalition and the Palmer, MA Rail Coalition to achieve the commencement and/or expansion of passenger rail service in the New England region including Vermont.

The questionnaire for Collaborative Models for Animal Control will be taken up by Piet with Adam Katrick and Piet will respond to Joanne Nichols after he and Adam have discussed it.

NEW BUSINESS:

The board set Pre Town Meeting for February 26, 2013.

INFORMATION ITEMS AND MAIL:

There were no additional information items or mail to discuss.

ADJOURN:

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia L. Hamilton, Select Board Assistant

Hogback Mountain Conservation Area 2013 Budget

Approved Budget

Expended to Date

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|---|----------------|---|--------------------|
| Stipends for Education Event Leaders & MES Day | \$1,000 | MES Day Support for Vt. Wildlife Fest | \$250.00 400.00 |
| Trail Maps, Markers & Signage | 800 | | 0.00* |
| Interpretive Trail grant support | 1,000 | | 0.00** |
| Biodiversity Inventory | 500 | | 0.00*** |
| Trail Maintenance & Construction | 500 | | 21.66 |
| Historical Structure Stabilization & Maintenance**** | 0 | | 235.00 |
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| Totals | \$3,800 | | \$906.66 |

*Expenditures in this category have come from a \$500.00 Forests, Parks & Recreation trail maintenance grant and are not included in this budget synopsis.

**Grant proposal, submitted by the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum, was not funded. HPC has budgeted \$1,000 to fund interpretative trail signage in the 2013 budget.

***HPC decided not to commission this project, choosing instead to focus on the proposed "Conserving Habitat Variety" early successional habitat management project pending Select Board approval; funding for this project is included in the 21013 budget.

****This item was included in the 2011 budget (\$3,000); it was never expended in 2011 and HPC decided not to include it in the 2012 budget. However, we determined that the old Hogback Ski Area building were worth preserving and were in need of immediate clean-out and shoring up. We began this process in November 2012 and have budgeted for a continuation in 2013.