

TOWN OF MARLBORO  
REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING  
Thursday, January 24, 2013

**ATTENDANCE:**

Present were select board members Craig Hammond, chair; Andrea Livermore and Pieter van Loon. Also present were Hal Himmelstein, Hogback Preservation Commission; Linda Peters, Town Treasurer; 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 "Conserving Habitat Variety in the Hogback Mountain Conservation Area." It is a proposal to "Put in place a program to reinvigorate and maintain valuable bird and wildlife habitat in the Hogback Mountain Conservation Area (HMCA) by reopening portions of the former ski slopes. Maintain the openings through planned thinning on a rotating basis through a ten year cycle." The meeting was informational and the board supported the proposal.

Linda Peters presented the draft FY 2013 Town Budget for review. The board finalized the Town Meeting Warning. There was renewed discussion about installing "Welcome to Marlboro" signs at the Wilmington and Brattleboro town lines. More research needs to be done with regard to specifications, requirements about location and installation, landowner involvement, and state requirements. No funds will be recommended in this year's budget for building or installing such signs.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The board approved the minutes of the regular meeting of 01/10/2013 and the special meeting of 01/17/2013.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The board went into executive session at 4:55 to discuss a personnel matter and returned at 5:10 to resume the regular select board meeting. No action was taken.

Craig reported on his meeting with Mary Sargent, Zoning Administrator. He said he would favor reappointment of Mary to the post when her current term expires in March. The board discussed her request to consult with Paul Gillies, attorney, for advice on her application of enforcement of certain ambiguous sections of the town's zoning bylaws. The board approved Mary's request to contact Paul Gillies.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The board voted to hold the second February select board meeting on Tuesday, February 26 at 4:00 PM instead of Thursday, February 28. The Tuesday board meeting would be followed by Pre-Town Meeting at 6:00 PM.

**INFORMATION ITEMS AND MAIL:**

There were no information items or mail.

**ADJOURN: 7:10**

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcia L. Hamilton, Select Board Assistant