

TOWN OF MARLBORO  
REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, February 26, 2013

**ATTENDANCE:**

Present were select board members Craig Hammond, chair, Andrea Livermore and Pieter van Loon. Also present were David Elliott, Road Foreman; Linda Peters, Town Treasurer; and Marcia Hamilton, Select Board Assistant.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting came to order at 4:00 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 open public comment period.

David Elliott discussed purchasing a 2009 International 7400 truck from the Town of Stratton. Craig reported his discussion with Linda Peters who felt comfortable making such a purchase against the equipment account at this time. David suggested raising the rates in the equipment account. Each vehicle and operator is assessed a rate which applies when the vehicle and operator are in use. The board authorized an increase in rates to more accurately reflect the cost of running the equipment. Funds accrued in this account are used to pay for repairs and purchase replacement equipment.

Craig agreed and asked David to research state rates and FEMA rates in anticipation of applying higher rates to the equipment account, thereby accumulating more funds in the account and more reasonable rates against account items. The board voted (Livermore/ van Loon) to spend up to \$55,000 on the new truck taking the money out of the equipment account.

The board and David discussed the snow plowing policy. Some towns use a clear roads policy so that all the roads are clear of snow at all times. Marlboro does not. David recommends a more fiscally conservative approach. Fewer times going out to plow is less costly. The towns that clear roads at all times have higher costs against their winter budgets. Everyone agreed that safety is the major concern and that roads must be kept clear enough for emergency vehicles to travel on them at all times.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The board approved the minutes of the regular meeting of 02/14/2013.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Craig reviewed his experience as a select board member as he leaves the board on Town Meeting Day. He said there is time involved to become familiar with all of the responsibilities.

Pieter reported his discussion with Windham Solid Waste Management District and said power would need to be on site for any cameras to be installed. No action was taken at this meeting.

The board reviewed the Pending List and discussed working again on some of the policies. With regard to discussions about paving Higley Hill, the board agreed that discussions would have to be postponed until all FEMA reimbursements have been received by the town. The item will remain on the list.

The board reviewed the Town Meeting Warning and discussed fielding questions at Pre-Town Meeting which would occur directly after this meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Craig presented the draft letter of support for the store campaign to acquire the Sweeties' building. The board voted (Livermore/van Loon) to sign the letter as a board so that the community store project group may use such letters of support in its quest for possible grant funds.

**INFORMATION ITEMS AND MAIL:**

Linda Peters stated she would be signing loan papers to borrow \$200,000 against the \$500,000 line of credit at the Brattleboro Savings and Loan this week. The loan is required to pay bills in anticipation of FEMA reimbursement and tax revenues.

Craig will contact Thermal House about the heat loss causing snow melt on the Town Office roof. The board and Linda feel the company might offer solutions to a potential problem.

There were no further information items or mail to discuss.

**ADJOURN:**

The meeting adjourned at 5:56 PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marcia L. Hamilton, Select Board Assistant