

TOWN OF MARLBORO  
REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING  
Thursday, March 28, 2013

**ATTENDANCE:**

Present were select board members Andrea Livermore, chair; Pieter van Loon and Andy Reichsman. Also present were Town Treasurer, Linda Peters; Road Foreman, David Elliott; Surveyor, Merrill Mundell; Marlboro General Store work group member, Rob Merriam and Select Board Assistant, Marcia Hamilton.

**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.

Linda Peters and David Elliott reviewed aspects of the Highway Equipment Account. Each vehicle and operator is assessed a rate which applies when the vehicle and operator are in use. David mentioned again that the rates could be raised because they are low for similar rates in the area. FEMA rates are considerably higher but the agency used the lower Town rates negotiating reimbursements related to Tropical Storm Irene. The current rates are Trucks, \$23/hr summer; \$27/hr winter; Grader/Loader/Backhoe \$33/hr

The board voted (van Loon/Reichsman) to approve raising the rates as follows: Trucks \$30/hr summer, \$35/hr winter; small dump trucks \$25/hr summer, \$30/hr. winter; Grader/Backhoe, \$38/hr; Loader stay at \$33/hr.

The Town's health insurance for eligible employees will change as a result of the Federal Affordable Care Act. Because the Town has fewer than 50 employees, the Town or its employees may buy health insurance through Vermont Health Connect. There will be a meeting at Brattleboro Savings and Loan Thursday, April 4 from 7:30-9:00 AM to provide details. Linda would like the select board and David involved in the decision making as to what options overall would be best for the eligible employees in Marlboro, as a decision will have to be made in 2013. Enrollment will begin in October of this year and plans will take effect January 1, 2014.

Merrill Mundell presented six survey options to properly complete the land transaction involving Anthony and Carol Berner's property on Adams Brook Road. He said the options can be accepted, modified, rejected or combined. Mr. Mundell left the meeting. The board discussed the options and voted (van Loon/Livermore) to select all six options. Andrea will contact him to let him know. He will not start the surveying until after the snow leaves.

Rob Merriman, working on the Marlboro General Store grant application to the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development, discussed the work being done to acquire the former Sweeties' store. The board signed a letter of support which included statements showing the project is consistent with the policies of the Town Plan.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The board voted (Reichsman/van Loon) to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of 03/14/13.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Andrea Livermore led discussion on the Draft Facilities Use Policy and Draft Facility Rental Agreement. With comments collected, she will revise them and bring them back for discussion at the next meeting.

Andy Reichsman led discussion on the Draft Muster Field Lease (aka Agricultural Lease). He will include comments made at this meeting, talk to Geof Dolman again and will bring it back for discussion at the next meeting.

Pieter van Loon reported on his discussions about recruiting an Energy Coordinator. No candidates have emerged and Piet will check with a few more people about their willingness to serve on the energy committee. The select board will check in again with the committee in the summer to see who they would like to put forward as a candidate for town Energy Coordinator.

June 14, 2013 at 2:00 PM was the date set for the Whitaker Farm Road Site Visit and the same day at 3:45 for the public Hearing. Residents in the private development petitioned the select board in fall of 2012 to have the road accepted into the Town Highway system. The group paid a private contractor to bring the road up to Class 3 standards as required in the Town Highway Ordinance. After hearing testimony, the select board has 60 days to deliberate and render a Decision as to whether "...the public good, necessity, and convenience of the inhabitants of the municipality require the highway to be laid out..."

Andrea presented a personnel matter and the board voted (Livermore/Reichsman) to go into Executive Session at 6:47 PM. After discussion, the board voted (van Loon/Reichsman) to come out of Executive Session. No decisions were made.

The board discussed an email received from the Junior High School students who care-take the recycling center. They reported that some large non-recyclable materials were found at the area and they took care of what they could but do not have resources to dispose of the toilet that was left there. Piet volunteered to take care of it. At the next select board meeting, the board will talk with Stretch Vonderhorst, a town representative at Windham Solid Waste Management District, and ask for any ideas he may have about the problem concerning non-recyclable materials left at the recycling center.

The board voted (van Loon/Livermore) to appoint additional Town Officials, as follows:

- Vermont State Police Community Advisory Board: Marcia Hamilton
- Windham Regional Commissioner: Emily Kunreuther
- Development Review Board Alternate: Matthew Tell

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The board approved and Andrea signed Excess Weight Permits for Derrig Excavating, Inc. of Putney, VT and Cardinal Logistics Management Corporation of Concord, NC.

The board approved and Andrea signed Insignificant Waste Management Event approval form to hold a collection event at Marlboro School on May 18, 2013 with advance permission and knowledge of Principal, Francie Marbury.

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS AND MAIL:**

The board decided not to participate in the Blue Berry Parade in West Dover. The board accepted Glenn Herrin's Emergency Management update and budget which Glenn had left earlier in the week.

#### **ADJOURN:**

There being no further business, the board voted (Reichsman/Livermore) to adjourn at 7:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marcia L. Hamilton, Select Board Assistant