

TOWN OF MARLBORO
REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING
Thursday, May 23, 2013

ATTENDANCE:

Present were select board members Andrea Livermore, chair, Pieter van Loon and Andy Reichsman. Also present were Susan Dematteis, resident on Lucier Road; Ellen McCulloch-Lovell, President of Marlboro College; Hal Himmelstein, chair of Hogback Preservation Commission; Bob Anderson, member of Hogback Mountain Conservation Association; and Marcia Hamilton, Select Board Assistant.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting came to order at 5:00 PM at Marlboro Elementary School. The Town Office was closed for floor refinishing.

APPROVAL AND SIGNATURE OF PAY ORDERS:

The board approved and signed pay orders.

SCHEDULED AND UNSCHEDULED TIME:

During the unscheduled open public comment period Susan Dematteis commented on the Yield signs at the intersection of South Road and Ames Hill Road. She feels South Road traffic should not have to yield to Ames Hill Road traffic. After discussion, it was agreed that the Yield sign on South Road may not be placed correctly. The board also feels the grass at the intersection needs to be mowed to reduce another hazard. Andy will call David about these issues.

Ellen McCulloch-Lovell and the board discussed the Sheriff Department's patrol on South Road. The increased patrol hours are working to keep traffic safe around the college. Ellen said the town's bill for the college's shared 20 hours may be sent to her directly and she will get it paid. New students will arrive August and Ellen would like to have placed on South Road the "Smart Cart" that uses radar technology to show the speed of approaching traffic. She also said the Marlboro Fair is wonderful to bring students in to participate in the experience. The discussion explored various ways to get students involved off campus and in the community. The college has a new marketing director to promote the college in various ways.

Bob Anderson and Hal Himmelstein came to discuss suggestions for another investment vehicle for the Hogback endowment fund. The current vehicle, certificates in a bank, is not earning enough interest to fund programs. The Hogback Preservation Commission resolved not to spend the principal. Bob would like to come together with resolutions for the select board to think about for future investments at another meeting. Hal said under state statute money is implied trust and because it is separate from town's general fund is an implied trust. Andy asked Hal to research trusteeship. The board will also talk with Linda about the discussion. The board wants to meet with Linda before anything moves forward. Andrea will contact Jim Barlow of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns to see who could be a trustee and whether the funds could be separated from the town funds. Maybe there could be another model of investing the funds, and Andrea will check on it.

The board approved Hal's proposal to keep Jim Tober on the Hogback Preservation Commission representing the Planning Commission until the end of his term in March 2014 if he should resign from the Planning Commission.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The board voted (van Loon/Livermore) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 05/09/2013.

OLD BUSINESS:

The board discussed the June 4 ride/walk at 12:00 PM to visit trouble spots on Marlboro roads with Vermont Local Roads Director, David Antone and some Marlboro residents. Andy reported that he spoke with David Antone who said he would be there to listen and look, review his findings and then make recommendations later.

Regarding Augur Hole Road safety issues brought up in an email from a resident, the board decided to go to the area on June 4 during the visit with Vermont Local Roads director. Andrea will let the resident know and the board will arrange a walk at another time that was originally planned at a meeting in November, 2012.

NEW BUSINESS:

The board proposes to meet with the district transportation officials on Tuesday, June 4 at 10:30 AM instead of Wednesday, May 29 at 9:00 AM. Marcia has since learned the meeting is confirmed with Meghan Thompson, John Alexander and Marc Pickering, all of the Vermont Agency of Transportation District 2. An email with six attachments was sent to the select board several weeks ago in preparation for the meeting.

INFORMATION ITEMS AND MAIL:

Pieter reported that Adam Katrick, Animal Control Officer, contacted him to say he has nothing to report for dog issues. Adam will be attending the dog control conference. He also plans to buy some equipment.

Pieter also reported that talked with Matthew Tell, Planning Commission Chair, and asked the Planning Commission and Development Review Board to draft a sign ordinance for the board's consideration. He also reported that he spoke with Matthew Tell about the Town Plan changes and Matt will be sending a report to the select board for review of the suggestions for changes.

ADJOURN:

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Hamilton, Select Board Assistant