

TOWN OF MARLBORO
REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING
Thursday, June 27, 2013

ATTENDANCE:

Present were select board members Andrea Livermore, Chair, Pieter van Loon and Andy Reichsman. Also present were Linda Peters, Town Treasurer and Trustee of Public Funds; and Marcia Hamilton, Select Board Assistant.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting came to order at 5:00 pm.

APPROVAL AND SIGNATURE OF PAY ORDERS:

The select 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 the board discussed the issue of the Hogback endowment funds that came to the Town with the land when the Hogback land was conveyed to the Town. The issue was brought before the board by Bob Anderson and Hal Himmelstein on May 23, 2013 when Linda was away and unable to participate. Bob and Hal would like to see a higher yield in fund interest rates. They would like to consider involving a trustee for the funds and consider moving the funds to a higher yield investment vehicle.

Linda is Town Treasurer and Trustee of Public Funds, both elected offices. She operates by a policy she established in 2005, as follows, "...all funds will be invested in banks that are FDIC insured. In keeping with the past policy of the town, I will only invest in Vermont Banks. At the present time all monies are invested in Sweep accounts, checking accounts, money markets, certificates of deposit and savings accounts."

Andrea will call the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, explain the issue and ask seek a solution for a Town Treasurer and Trustee of Public Funds who has a policy and the Hogback Mountain Conservation Association who wants to obtain higher interest yield to fund the conservation programs.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The board voted (Reichsman/van Loon) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 06/13/2013.

OLD BUSINESS:

Better Back Roads under the Agency of Transportation (AOT) has a Grant Program with funds provided by AOT and the Agency of Natural Resources. The next deadline is July 15, 2013. "The Vermont Better Backroads Program's goal is to promote erosion control and maintenance techniques that save money while protecting and enhancing Vermont's lakes and streams." Piet

will check with David Elliott, Road Foreman, to see if he might suggest an applicable project according to the grant guidelines.

The board discussed the possibility of engaging a professional trash hauler to periodically pick up illegally dumped objects at the Recycling Center. Piet and Andy checked with Greg's Trucking and Triple T, respectively. The board voted (van Loon/Reichsman) to accept Greg's Trucking's bid of \$30/month and pick-up weekly. The funds have already been budgeted and this plan can be put in motion immediately.

NEW BUSINESS:

The board signed a Windham County Humane Society (WCHS) contract for the period July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014. The current contract for the calendar year is voided. The WCHS wants to contract with all towns on the same fiscal year basis.

The discussion for a procedure for handling public records was postponed so that the Town Clerk can be present for the discussion.

Glenn Herrin's FY 2013 second quarter report had been distributed to select board members and was included in this week's meeting packet. The select board requested reports on a quarterly basis from the Emergency Management Director, Zoning Administrator, Animal Control Officer, Service Officer and Health Officer. The board will ask the Health Officer to attend a meeting in September.

INFORMATION ITEMS AND MAIL:

Select board members have scheduled vacations in July and August. Meetings in August are affected and because the board requires a quorum to operate, select board meeting will be held the third (Aug 15) and fifth (Aug 29) Thursdays instead of the second (Aug 8) and fourth (Aug 22).

There were no other information items or mail.

ADJOURN:

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia L. Hamilton, Select Board Assistant