

TOWN OF MARLBORO  
REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING  
Thursday, July 11, 2013

**ATTENDANCE:**

Present were select board members Andrea Livermore, chair, Pieter van Loon and Andy Reichsman. Also present were Forrest Holzapfel, Town Clerk; Adam Katrick, Animal Control Officer (ACO); 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 board approved and signed pay orders.

**SCHEDULED AND UNSCHEDULED TIME:**

No member of the public was present during the unscheduled open public comment period.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The board approved the minutes of the regular meeting of 06/27/2013 and the Whitaker Farm Road Hearing of 06/14/2013.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The board discussed a model municipal financial policy from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns. Garrett Baxter, Staff Attorney, responded to Andrea about options for issues raised by Bob Anderson and Hal Himmelstein at an earlier meeting about whether the Hogback funds might be invested so as to yield higher interest rates. The board will study the model financial policies to which Garrett Baxter sent links in an email which Andrea forwarded July 10, 2013 and schedule another discussion at a select board meeting. Linda Peters has a policy in effect. Pieter will review documents regarding the Hogback land transaction with the town.

Forrest Holzapfel and the board discussed what to do with public records such as documents relating to law suits. Forrest suggested recording it in the Town Records. Land Records, Vital Records, Election Records, Grand Lists, Surveys, Town Clerk Files,

Adam Katrick feels the dog warrant is not necessary and does not compel people to register their dogs. Forrest Holzapfel indicated the warrant may have some affect and serves as a threat. The main issue behind licensing dogs is to make sure they are vaccinated. People do not license their dogs because they first need the rabies vaccine. It may be an economic decision. The death of Trudy Matt created a void in veterinary services. One alternative might be to add a fine to the warrant instead of the execution clause. Adam and Forrest will write an article in the *Mixer* to educate people about free or low cost rabies clinics. They will also notify people sooner that licenses are available. Dogs may be shot if they are running animals. Forrest feels the warrant is the easiest solution but we need more information before the warrant is changed.

Adam reported on his recent ACO activities. He also attended a workshop. He reported he spoke with Glenn Herrin, Emergency Management Director, about sheltering animals during an emergency.

Andrea received an informal report by email from the Health Officer of her town related activities.

Piet reported he and David Elliott went to the Hunter Brook Road residence to observe the drainage problem. Pieter will draft a letter of response for select board review and signatures.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

David Antone will finish the Gravel Roads report in the next couple of weeks. He sent Andy a grant application for a Better Back Roads Planning Grant. He suggested that the town apply and use it to inventory roads. Piet spoke with David Elliott about some possible projects and making an inventory the roads for projects. When the report comes back a meeting will be set up for constructive discussion. Andy will contact David Antone to ask what our commitment would be should we apply for a \$4,000 planning grant. Piet /Andrea voted to authorize Andy to contact David Antone to see what our commitment would be should we be awarded the grant and whether non water quality situations such as erosion control can be included, and authorized Andy to submit the grant application, if the Town was not obligated to follow through on inventoried issues and if non-water quality erosion issues could be included in the inventory.

**INFORMATION ITEMS AND MAIL**

Regarding the speed limit over Hogback, the State replied that it will authorize 40 mph and will soon erect signs. Marcia will send a copy of the state's response to Ed Metcalfe.

**ADJOURN:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:14pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcia L. Hamilton, Select Board Assistant