

TOWN OF MARLBORO
REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING
Thursday, September 12, 2013

ATTENDANCE:

Present were select board members Andrea Livermore, chair; Pieter van Loon and Andy Reichsman. Also present was 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.

David Elliott joined the meeting by telephone to discuss Felicia Tober's note regarding floating objects in the Mill Pond. David explained to the board that in 2001 there was an issue of water levels varying. A state expert was called and told the select board at that time that the water should not vary by more than a foot, more or less, in order that the ecologic balance is not interrupted. Because the beaver activity impacts the predetermined levels, the road crew used buoys in the pond to deter beavers. The buoys are improvised jugs and plastic containers which are clean and non-polluting. They did not want to use town funds to buy more attractive buoys that might be subject to theft or vandalism. Andrea will reply to Felicia Tober's email.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The board approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of 08/29/2013 and the Emergency Meeting of 09/05/2013.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Junior High sent a request to the board to manage the recycling center. Piet replied to their email with questions. They had not replied by meeting time. Piet will contact them and report back to the board.

Andrea reported on the Zoning Administration follow-up. Members of the Development Review Board will meet and report back. A member may attend the next select board meeting and this will be confirmed for agenda planning purposes.

Andy updated the board on his conversation with David Antone of Vermont Local Roads. David Antone will be here October 9 through 11. He wants to meet with the board at 8:00 AM on October 9 with the select board and David Elliott. He will then spend additional time with David Elliott. David Antone wants to see every road in town then go to the Town Highway Garage and meet with the grader operator, Louis Moore. (This may not all happen on one day.) An extension for the \$4,000 inventory grant will have to be filed. David Antone will see if he can

do that or if the select board is required to do that. The extension would be into spring, 2014. David Antone also recommended the board apply for the \$10,000 grant to carry out the plans that will come from the inventory grant. Having an inventory is a big advantage. Prioritizing road jobs is good. David Elliott should be documenting trouble areas with a camera before and after repairs.

Andy researched a possible reference at the Grammar School in Putney to inquire about their satisfaction about their use of Sovern Solar's services. Sovern Solar is offering schools and municipalities the opportunity to save money on electricity while supporting development of clean, local and renewable solar power. With favorable response from the reference, the board will schedule Sovern Solar representatives at the October 24 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Piet will contact the University of Massachusetts researcher to decline his request for interviews of the select board regarding emergency response during the aftermath of Tropical Storm Irene. Piet will recommend to the individual other towns to contact that had varied issues during their emergency responses.

The board approved and signed a Driveway Permit for Jessica Turner, Augur Hole Road.

Piet and Forrest Holzapfel will get together about the facilities and use policy.

INFORMATION ITEMS AND MAIL:

The board did not act on VLCT legislative recommendations or a letter from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. The latter document was referred back to the Town Clerk who indicated in a note that he would keep it on file.

ADJOURN:

The meeting adjourned at 6:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia L. Hamilton, Select Board Assistant