

TOWN OF MARLBORO
REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING
Thursday, October 10, 2013

ATTENDANCE:

Present were select board members Andrea Livermore, Chair, Pieter van Loon and Andy Reichsman. Also present for the Town Plan Hearing were Planning Commission members Edie Mas, Matt Tell, and Staley McDermet; Zoning Administrator, Mary Sargent; and Development Review Board member, Julia von Ranson; also present were Road Foreman, David Elliott; Town Treasurer, Linda Peters; and Select Board Assistant, Marcia Hamilton.

CALL TO ORDER AND TOWN PLAN HEARING:

Andrea Livermore called the Town Plan hearing to order at 5:05 PM. Matt Tell, made a statement regarding the general amendments to the plan. No members of the public were present. After a brief discussion, the select board accepted the recommendations of the Planning Commission and voted (Livermore/Reichsman) to update the Town Plan as presented. The select board will send it to John Bennett at Windham Regional Commission for his review. The hearing adjourned at 5:15 PM.

On another matter, Edie Mas raised the issue of VTel's proposed telecommunications tower to be constructed behind the Skyline Restaurant on Old Hogback Road. The select board and planning commission will hold a joint meeting for the public to discuss the tower. VTel representatives will come and answer questions about their proposal on Tuesday, October 29, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the elementary school. Those present for the hearing and tower discussion left the room.

SCHEDULED AND UNSCHEDULED TIME:

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

David Elliott was present for the opening of truck bids and sand bids. The board voted (van Loon/Reichsman) to accept Gordon Turner Jr.'s bid of \$1,500 for the 2002 Ford F-550 Dump Truck. David Elliott submitted a bid for \$1,101.

Sand Bids were opened and reviewed. The board voted to accept (van Loon/Reichsman) the bid submitted by Zaluzny Excavating Corporation (Winter Sand Picked Up, \$8.00/CY; Delivered, \$11.75/CY). Bids were also received from Corse Excavating, LLC (Winter Sand Picked Up \$6.75/CY; and \$12.59/CY Delivered) and Cersosimo Industries, Inc. (Winter Sand Picked Up, \$7.50/CY and \$11.90/CY Delivered)

David discussed the applications he received for the Plow Person position. David will interview candidates and will come back to the board with a recommendation. At that meeting discussions about what to pay the person will occur.

Better Back Roads Update: The meetings with David Antone were very successful. Marlboro does not have an excavator. If the Town is successful in obtaining a grant for \$10,000 it may hire a contractor. David Antone recommended the Town apply for two in the next round. Next year there will be a grader workshop conducted in the area that would be beneficial for training and mentoring. Andy read the letter he received from Alan May, Better Back Roads Coordinator, confirming an extension of the time to finish the construction work and all other grant requirements. The extension period is from October 31, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

The board recommended an outside firm be hired to do an inventory of the roads in Marlboro. Andy said he would talk with Stevens and Associates. The board discussed how to identify problem areas to create a scope of work. The board and David would assign priorities. Piet indicated we need to decide the parameters an outside contractor would consider. The culvert inventory is up to date and they will not need to do that. Andy will talk with Stevens and report back to the Board.

Mary Sargent and the board discussed the process of her role in creating the Decision letters, which are in template form, to be sent to applicants after Development Review Board hearings.

APPROVAL AND SIGNATURE OF PAY ORDERS:

The board approved and signed pay orders.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the regular meeting of 09/26/2013 will be reviewed at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Linda Peters and the board discussed health insurance for town employees. Vermont League of Cities and Towns representative, Larry Smith, Manager of Member Relations, provided a spreadsheet of health plan scenarios based on current employees' plans. The board discussed the advantages of Health Savings Accounts and Health Reimbursement Accounts (HRA). They considered in depth a number of options and the benefit dollar amount the town will provide to individual employees to offset their health care costs.

The board is leaning toward recommending dollar amounts to limit exposure to the town to continue comparable benefit to what employees now have. Someone from VLCT will be asked to speak with employees about overall coverage options and that person will look into providing navigators to specific individuals to help them sign up if they need it. The board had a question of VLCT before the final decisions are made: Can employees use HRA funds to pay towards premiums?

Regarding signature of the PACE documents, Pieter still has a question about the Interlocal Contract. He contacted PACE and is expecting a call back to discuss that and other questions. No discussion occurred and the board will take the matter up at the next meeting in anticipation that questions have been answered.

The board postponed review until the next meeting of a sample municipal website policy from Middletown Springs, VT. Forrest Holzapfel forwarded the document. Forrest also arranged a meeting with Tess Gauthier, Vermont Digital Economy Project Coordinator, Snelling Center for Government on Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at the Town Office to discuss the development of Marlboro's new municipal website.

Pieter reported he had some follow-up questions for Paul Gillies to resolve on the deed status involving Anthony and Carol Berner and the relocation of a portion of Adams Brook Road.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business to come before the board.

INFORMATION ITEMS AND MAIL:

Glenn Herrin, Emergency Management Director, left his Third Quarter report for review. He also left the Radiological Emergency Response Plan Responsibilities Checklist for signature by Andrea Livermore. The checklist includes the minimum activities that need to be performed to maintain a high level of preparedness for responding to a radiological emergency.

ADJOURN:

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia L. Hamilton, Select Board Assistant