

TOWN OF MARLBORO
REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING
Thursday, October 24, 2013

ATTENDANCE:

Present were select board members Andrea Livermore, Chair, Pieter van Loon and Andy Reichsman. Also present were Hal Himmelstein, Chair of Hogback Preservation Commission; Peter Thurrell, President of Soveren Solar; Mike Andreotta, Chair, Marlboro Energy Committee; Linda Peters, Town Treasurer; David Elliott, Road Foreman; and Marcia Hamilton, Select Board Assistant.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting came to order at 5:05 PM.

APPROVAL AND SIGNATURE OF PAY ORDERS:

The board approved and signed pay orders.

SCHEDULED AND UNSCHEDULED TIME:

Hal Himmelstein arrived during the unscheduled open public comment period. He requested a signature on the annual Vermont Association of Snow Travelers Landowner Permission Form. He also voiced a concern about the Japanese Knotweed along South Road. The board acknowledged the infestation is extensive both in the town right-of-way and on private property and authorized Piet van Loon to talk with the Conservation Commission about hosting public education meetings.

Hal Himmelstein also mentioned to the board that at the next Hogback Preservation Commission (HPC) meeting in November they will discuss adding three additional trails at Hogback. He acknowledged there will be discussion about adding a mountain biking trail. He will return to the board after the HPC meeting and update the board on what transpired.

David Elliott screened all of the applications for the plow person position and presented three candidate profiles to the board. After discussion of each candidate, the board authorized David to make the decision on which candidate he would offer the job.

Linda Peters and the board continued discussions on health insurance options for Town employees. There will be a special select board meeting Tuesday, November 29 at Noon at the Town Office to meet with Tanya Chambers of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns to discuss insurance options and address questions the board has about the options already presented.

The board rescheduled the November meetings for the 7th and 21st because of the Thanksgiving holiday. The meetings, scheduled for 5:00 PM at the Town Office, will be held on the first and third Thursdays instead of the second and fourth Thursdays.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The board approved the minutes of the regular meetings of 9/26/2013 and 10/10/2013.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion and signature for the PACE document was postponed until the next meeting so that Pieter could verify information.

Andy Reichsman reported on his conversation with Stevens & Associates. He will forward David Antone's report after he verifies with David Antone the parameters of the job we are asking them to do and other information that needs to be conveyed. Andy will meet with David Elliott to discuss some details about what the town would have Stevens & Associated do in the spring. Andy thought it might be beneficial for the company to see the roads during mud season.

Pieter van Loon reported on a dog issue on Hunter Brook Road which Adam Katrick had reported to him. No action was authorized at this time. If violations of the dog ordinance develop, appropriate action will be taken at that time.

The review of the sample municipal website policy from Middletown Springs, VT was postponed until after the meeting in November with Snelling about developing a new town website.

The board signed the transmittal letter for the Town Plan to be sent to Windham Regional Commission asking for review.

NEW BUSINESS:

Peter Thurrell presented a Solar Net Metering Credit Purchase Agreement Proposal that, with solar installations, would offset the Town's electric bill with no up-front costs. The board authorized Andy Reichsman to be liaison with Pat Cavanaugh of Marlboro College and Peter Thurrell regarding this plan and location options for the solar installations. Andy will report back to the board with updates.

INFORMATION ITEMS AND MAIL:

No additional information or mail was introduced at the meeting.

ADJOURN:

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia L. Hamilton, Select Board Assistant