

TOWN OF MARLBORO  
REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING  
Thursday, January 9, 2014

**ATTENDANCE:**

Present were select board members Andrea Livermore, chair and Pieter van Loon. Andy Reichsman was on medical leave. Also present were Linda Peters, Town Treasurer and Marcia Hamilton, Select Board Assistant.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting came to order at 5:09 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.

Linda Peters and the board reviewed the FY 2014 budget. The board proposes a 1.6% Cost of Living Adjustment for employees and elected officials.

The board discussed the policy that describes the process for town funding requests. The board may wish to revisit the current policy in the future. Currently entities must submit a petition each year for three years with the same amount requested. In the fourth year, entities may just submit a letter of request if requesting the same amount. If an entity increases the amount requested, petitions must be presented again for three years, before letters of request may resume.

Vermont Rural Fire Protection sent a letter requesting that the town fund their organization. They will be sent an email, noting the current requirement that signatures be gathered through petition for their request to be placed on the warning at town meeting. if they wish to pursue an appropriation of \$100. Linda Peters will follow up with the Marlboro School Principal to clarify the amount requested by the After School Program which is \$500 more than requested last year. They will be informed as well that if they are requesting increased funding that a petition must be completed, according to the policy.

Another item during budget discussions was FEMA reimbursements resulting from reconstruction incurred by damage caused by Tropical Storm Irene. The town has been notified that we will be in receipt of about \$159,281.20 from FEMA for the remaining balance outstanding. This is still being worked out with the assistance of Nora Wilson, former Town Clerk, who coordinated the administration of claims with FEMA representatives.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The board approved the minutes of the regular meeting of 12/19/2013

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The board reviewed and signed the support letter for the SMART CEDS report produced by Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS). It will be forwarded to Laura Sibilia, Executive Director of SeVEDS.

Marcia Hamilton updated the board on the progress of the new town website development. The board reviewed the website policy template used by the Town of Woodstock and adapted it for Marlboro's use.

Pieter van Loon reported that the Berners would like two quitclaim deeds applicable to the parcels affected by the relocation of Adams Brook Road. Piet is seeking advice from Paul Gillies who has worked with the town on the project.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The board discussed the email from Karen Horn of Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) regarding the question about Temporary Rights of Way to Remove Timber. VLCT received a question from a legislator: *What has been your experience with laying out roads for removal of timber under Title 19 Section 958... Would you be affected if this statute were deleted?* This question will be referred to the Board of Listers by Piet to see how many parcels in Marlboro are landlocked, and he will reply to Karen Horn.

The Letter of Agreement for Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA) Cost Tables Services that was referred to the select board was tabled pending more information or recommendation by the Board of Listers. Forrest Holzapfel, a Lister, subsequently responded indicating the computer program is not used by the Listers and the document may be discarded.

**INFORMATION ITEMS AND MAIL:**

There were no additional information items or mail to discuss.

**ADJOURN:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcia L. Hamilton, Select Board Assistant