

TOWN OF MARLBORO
REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING
Thursday, January 23, 2014

ATTENDANCE:

Present were select board members Andrea Livermore, chair; Pieter van Loon and Andy Reichsman. Also present were Town Treasurer, Linda Peters; Hogback Preservation Commission Chair, Hal Himmelstein; Marlboro College President, Ellen McCulloch-Lovell; and Select Board Assistant, Marcia Hamilton.

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.

Linda Peters and the board finalized the FY 2014 Town Budget. After review, the board signed the Town Meeting Warning.

The board signed a Corporate Resolution for Brattleboro Savings & Loan for the Mary Hinkley Fund. This was a new bank requirement for the Town to disburse the bequest as intended.

Hal Himmelstein requested the board consider accepting a change to the Hogback Preservation Commission (HPC) Rules of Procedure regarding composition of the HPC. The HPC proposes the elimination of the formal liaison persons from the Conservation Commission (CC) and Planning Commission (PC). The HPC would maintain its seven-member composition and all HPC members would serve three-year terms. Currently the representatives of the CC and PC serve two-year terms. The HPC tabled their motion (which was brought for this discussion) until the next regular meeting in March when it will be voted. After that action, Hal will contact the select board to confirm the action was taken and the select board will consider accepting HPC's recommendations and make appropriate appointments accordingly.

The board and Hal discussed the Hogback Mountain Conservation Area (HMCA) proposed 2014 budget. They also reviewed the HMCA Map Policy which would be an appendix to the Management Plan.

The board was favorable to the additional changes which also will be incorporated into the revised management plan. The revised management plan will be brought back to the select board for adoption.

Ellen McCulloch-Lovell came to the board to update the board on college enrollment and activities. The visibility of the Windham County Sheriff Department is important and she feels

the “smart cart” sign is valuable. Andy mentioned the solar array idea where the town and college might partner with an array at the college. Peter Thurrell, President of Soveren Solar presented his proposal at the October 24 select board meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The board approved the minutes of the regular meeting of 01/09/2014.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business to come before the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

The board discussed Village Center Designation as referred to the board by Staley McDermet and the planning commission. Andrea will let Staley know that the board will support the planning commission if they decide to prepare the application.

Allison Turner sent an email to the board indicating her wish not to be reappointed as Rescue Inc. Trustee and that she would be glad to have a discussion with the board about the position so that the board may appoint another person. Allison will be scheduled to attend a select board meeting.

INFORMATION ITEMS AND MAIL:

There were no information items or mail to come before the board.

ADJOURN:

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia L. Hamilton, Select Board Assistant