

TOWN OF MARLBORO
REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING
Thursday, May 22, 2014

ATTENDANCE:

Present were select board members Pieter van Loon, chair; Andy Reichsman and Tyler Gibbons. Also present were Hal Himmelstein, chair of Hogback Preservation Commission (HPC) and 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:

Hal Himmelstein spoke during the unscheduled open public comment period. He said John Byrnes wants to use a metal detector on the Muster Field and at the Bishop Farm. Marcia, a member of the Historical Society, will add it to the agenda of the next Historical Society meeting on June 16. Andy will contact the Muster Field lessee to determine his feeling about it. The board will report back at its June 26 meeting and discuss whether metal detectors should be used at the Muster Field and at the Bishop Farm.

Hal also said there is a problem with Japanese Knotweed on South Road. The board thought the Conservation Commission might be contacted to be involved with the solution. The Historical Society is also working on the problem because the plant flourishes near Newton House.

Hal Himmelstein, during his scheduled period, brought discussion of Whaleback, a New Hampshire Ski Area, interested in acquiring parts of the old Hogback lifts. The HPC recommended to the select board that the donation not be made of any of the lift items. The select board concurred and voted its support of the HPC recommendation.

The discussion then turned to the second item brought by Hal which was hiring a consulting forester for inventory of forest stands at Hogback. County foresters have a mandate from the State to help towns with the management of town forests. Their services are free of charge. Hal and the HPC will contact the county forester, Bill Guenther, to get the process started.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The board approved the minutes of the Regular meeting of 05/08/2014 and the Special meeting of 05/16/2014.

OLD BUSINESS:

The board reviewed and Pieter signed the Village Designation application letter, the draft of which was submitted by the Planning Commission.

Piet presented an update on the proposed Verizon telecommunication tower to be built on the ridgeline of Center Mountain accessed from Augur Hole Road. A community meeting will be held Tuesday, June 3, 2014 at 5:30 PM at Marlboro Elementary School. Piet posted a notice of the meeting on Front Porch Forum. Before any meeting can occur, balloon tests and photo sims would have to be available.

The board discussed the available state structures grant. Pieter reported he spoke with David Elliott and the two decided it was not necessary to apply for a grant at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

The board reviewed an email from Diana Todd offering her services on whatever committee might be hiring a forest to help with the Hogback management plan. Pieter will respond to thank her for her offer and encourage her to attend HPC meetings.

INFORMATION ITEMS AND MAIL:

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

ADJOURN:

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia L. Hamilton, Select Board Assistant