

TOWN OF MARLBORO  
REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING  
Thursday, August 28, 2014

**ATTENDANCE:**

Present were select board members Pieter van Loon, chair and Tyler Gibbons. Andy Reichsman was absent. Also present were Howard Weiss-Tissman of the Brattleboro Reformer; Linda Peters, Town Treasurer; David Elliott, Road Foreman; Gary MacArthur, resident of MacArthur Road; Bob Elliott, resident of Higley Hill Road; Adam Katrick, Animal Control Officer (ACO); Michael Boylen, resident of Lyman Hill Road; and Marcia Hamilton, Select Board Assistant.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting came to order at 5:03 PM.

**IDENTIFY ANY CHANGES TO AGENDA:**

The 7/24/2014 minutes will be discussed at the 9/11/2014 meeting when Andy Reichsman returns.

**APPROVAL AND SIGNATURE OF PAY ORDERS:**

The board approved and signed pay orders.

**SCHEDULED AND UNSCHEDULED TIME:**

Gary MacArthur, David Elliott and Linda Peters joined the board in discussing installing a 10,000 watt solar panel array on the Town Highway Garage. The estimated initial investment would be \$28,500, but with a \$12,500 incentive payment to the town, the final cost would be around \$16,000. If those numbers are accurate, the system would pay for itself in under 7 years. Gary will work up some more exact figures, check on program deadlines and do more research at the Town Garage site. Discussion will resume at the 9/11/2014 meeting to go over timeline, cash flow and whether to proceed.

Adam Katrick, Animal Control Officer updated the board on his activities. He said the volume of calls has been light. Tyler reported he posted another help wanted ad for ACO on Front Porch Forum. Adam said his real challenge is he is now out of town more frequently and he is unable to respond to calls that need immediate attention. He said some towns are sharing ACO services. Adam suggested he could post on social media about the opening and Tyler encouraged him to do so. Adam indicated he was behind with completing reports. Pieter said he could report things the board would need to know about but did not need to itemize other incidents.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The board postponed approving the minutes of the meeting of 07/24/2014 until the 9/11/2014 meeting when Andy would return. The board approved the minutes of the 08/14/2014 meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The board discussed the draft letter prepared by the Planning Commission to be sent to Verizon's attorney, Brian Sullivan, about the proposed telecommunication tower to be located on Augur Hole Road. The board voted (Gibbons/van Loon) to authorize Pieter to sign the letter because the board agreed with the statements the Planning Commission made in the letter. Tyler and

Pieter made a few small changes to the draft before Pieter signed it. Further, the board voted (Gibbons/van Loon) to authorize Pieter to re-sign a letter in the event Matt Tell has lexical changes of a typographical nature, but not substantive changes. Substantive changes would require another discussion at a meeting before signing.

The board briefly discussed the issue of the yield signs at South Road and Ames Hill Road. Pieter discussed the matter with David outside the meeting. Pieter will respond to Michael Dematteis and update him on the remedies suggested by David Elliott.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

The 2014 Brattleboro Hazard Mitigation Plan submitted for review and comment by the Brattleboro Zoning Administrator was referred to Andy Reichsman, Emergency Management Director and select board member who was not present at this meeting...

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS AND MAIL:**

Bob Elliott wanted to keep in the forefront the possibility of paving the remaining two miles of gravel on Higley Hill Road. Bob also stated that 20 years ago a ballast in a light caused a fire at the Post Office and connected the possibility to the conversation earlier in the meeting of electricity and solar panels.

#### **ADJOURN:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcia L. Hamilton, Select Board Assistant