

TOWN OF MARLBORO
REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING
Thursday, October 22, 2015

ATTENDANCE:

Present were select board members Andy Reichsman, Chair; Tyler Gibbons and Pieter van Loon. Also present were Adam Gebb, Conservation Commission Chair; Diana Todd, Hogback Mountain Conservation Association President; and Marcia Hamilton, Select Board Assistant.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting came to order at 5:11 PM.

IDENTIFY ANY CHANGES TO AGENDA:

No changes were made to the agenda.

SCHEDULED BUSINESS:

No member of the public was present during the unscheduled open public comment period.

The board signed and approved Pay Orders.

The board voted (Gibbons/van Loon) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 10/08/2015. Also, the board voted (Reichsman/Gibbons) to approve the minutes of the Gilbert Road Hearing of 10/08/2015

Adam Gebb, Conservation Commission Chair, updated the board with a graphic invasive species inventory on Augur Hole Road. There are some realistic solutions to ridding the plants such as using poison and rubber mats. Some plants come in when fill is trucked in such as around bridges. It then spreads along the waterways. Headwater streams seem to be at the highest risk for spreading species. Birds are spreading seeds on the landscape. Pieter said the Vermont Land Trust is working with The Nature Conservancy in offering owners of conserved land a free service related to invasive plants. He said VLT will survey the Hogback property for invasives, map them, and develop a report for the property. The report describes the current condition, shows the extent of any invasives infestations, suggests ways to control any invasives present, and includes fact sheets on each species found. The information is great on its own, but can also be used to help in overall land planning.

Diana Todd, President of Hogback Mountain Conservation Association (HMCA), discussed the Hogback Early Successional Habitat (ESH) project. She would like to apply for a grant to engage the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps in the clearing of the Great White Way on the North side of the old ski area. The board discussed writing a general letter of support to accompany grant requests. Diana will draft a letter and email it to the board for discussion at the next meeting on Thursday, November 5.

OLD BUSINESS:

Pieter will contact the new Newfane Animal Control Officer to see about sharing services.

The board discussed the SeVEDS and WRC responses to the select board letter regarding high-speed Internet project. Andy reported he attended a Public Service Board meeting about Comcast providing cable service. Tyler will contact Bill Esses to see if there has been any improvement in service in the areas serviced by the box at MacArthur Road.

NEW BUSINESS:

The board discussed the updated zoning fee schedule. There was some confusion around the proposal from the Town Clerk so Forrest Holzapfel will be invited to a future meeting to discuss the rationale for the new fees.

The board signed a Driveway Permit Application for Brian Whitehouse.

INFORMATION ITEMS AND MAIL:

There were no information items or mail.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia L. Hamilton, Select Board Assistant