

TOWN OF MARLBORO
REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING
Thursday, April 14, 2016

ATTENTION:

Present were select board members Tyler Gibbons, chair; Pieter van Loon, Vice Chair and Patti Smith. Also present were Heidi Taylor, Business Administrator of Deerfield Valley Rescue and Topper van Backer, board member; David Elliott, Road Foreman; Robert Elliott, resident; Marcia Hamilton, Select Board Assistant.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting came to order at 5:03 PM.

IDENTIFY ANY CHANGES TO AGENDA:

The board moved the Deerfield Valley Rescue discussion to the top of the agenda because the representatives were present.

SCHEDULED BUSINESS:

Bob Elliott was present during the meeting and during the Unscheduled Open Public Comment period. He said he wanted to remind the board of his support to pave the last two unpaved miles of Higley Hill Road.

Heidi Taylor and Topper Van Backer updated the board on the services and service area of Deerfield Valley Rescue. The service area is the West part of town from Route 9 @ Augur Hole Road and approximately five miles of Augur Hole Road. The East part of town is covered by Rescue, Inc. The Town appropriates \$1,500 which is voted at Town Meeting each year and DVR provides a report for the Annual Town Report which includes numbers of Marlboro residents served. .

David Elliott addressed the email sent from Forrest Holzapfel from a property caretaker about some roadwork off Whitaker Farm Road. David explained it was a culvert area that involved beaver work and the maintenance of the culvert area is performed periodically as the beaver work alternates with the culvert maintenance work. Patti and David will talk with the property caretaker to resolve any issues.

The board approved and signed pay orders.

The board voted (van Loon/Smith) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 03/24/2016 and voted (Gibbons/Smith) to approve the *Mixer* report for the May/June issue.

Geoffrey Dohlman was not present to review the Muster Field Lessee Agreement. The intent of the ongoing discussion was to agree on a term for the lease, now one year, and the length of notice to terminate that one party of the agreement would give to the other.

OLD BUSINESS:

The board signed the Resolution Addressing Input of Municipal Officials Regarding the Siting of Renewable Energy Projects.

The board voted (Gibbons/van Loon) to appoint Ashley Bies to a four-year term to March, 2020 on the Conservation Commission. The recommendation of Ashley Bies came from Adam Gebb, chair of the Conservation Commission.

The connectivity committee was discussed and it was noted Bob Anderson resigned due to other commitments. Tyler will send an email to people who expressed an interest in participating to set up another meeting and outline an agenda. The two main goals are better connectivity in town and future options for Internet speed and service. The board suggested someone contact the school principal to request a list of students who are not served by Internet service.

Pieter reported he attended a meeting at Marlboro Elementary School about the speed limit near the school along Route 9. The State official that was present suggested removing obstructions such as brush along the road for greater visibility for oncoming traffic. The state would clear within the right of way and the Town would cut brush on private property. A revised letter is being drafted that would request reduced speed along a greater distance from the school in both directions. The draft of the letter is being circulated and once there is agreement on the language it will be forwarded for select board signature.

NEW BUSINESS:

The board discussed proposed Legislation (H.575) Regarding Role of Town Service Officer. According to the VLCT Weekly Legislative Report, "The Senate Health and Welfare Committee...eliminated the role the town service officer plays in administering General Assistance benefits on behalf of the state...H.575 would relieve the town service officer from the administration of the benefits program and the position would become an office that a municipality may choose to fill, but it would not be mandatory...The select board would have the discretion on whether or not to appoint a town service officer at its organizational meeting. The town may then decide what, if any, roles and responsibilities the town service officer would have." This board decided to let the 2016-2017 term run out and not appoint a service officer again.

Tyler Gibbons signed Excess Weight Permits for Hutch Crane and Pump Rental Corporation, Bradford, VT; and Emery Trucking, East Dummerston, VT.

INFORMATION ITEMS AND MAIL:

Francie Marbury requested Windham County Sheriff's Department support on May 4, 2016 from 11:30 to 12:30 for school children walking along Route 9 from Marlboro Elementary School to the Post Office where the children will be picked up by bus. The board authorized the support and Marcia will contact Mark Anderson of the WCSD and make the request.

First quarter financials were made available to the select board by Linda Peters, who was not present.

ADJOURN:

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia L. Hamilton, Select Board Assistant