

TOWN OF MARLBORO
REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING
Thursday, July 28, 2016

ATTENDANCE:

Present were select board members Tyler Gibbons, Chair; Pieter van Loon, Vice Chair and Patti Smith, member. Also present were Rob Merriam, resident on Cowpath 40; Mary Sargent, resident on Cowpath 40; David Elliott, Road Foreman, and Marcia Hamilton, Select Board Assistant.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting came to order at 5:00 PM.

IDENTIFY ANY CHANGES TO AGENDA:

Under New Business there were TA 66 and TA 65 forms from Agency of Transportation available for select board signature.

SCHEDULED BUSINESS:

Rob Merriam and Mary Sargent, both of Cowpath 40, were present during the unscheduled open public comment period. They had issues with the condition of Cowpath 40. Rob stated a turn-around landing was built near his property without his prior knowledge. He would have liked to have had prior notice. Mary is concerned with the condition of the road, and suggested a plan for maintenance be addressed. Pieter stated there is a plan in place. He said David Elliott is expected to join this meeting a little later. David arrived after Rob and Mary left the meeting. The board and David discussed the email Rob sent prior to the meeting and elaborated on the concerns Rob stated while he was there. Pieter will reply to Rob's email and suggest Rob contact David at his convenience for discussion of his specific issues.

Pieter asked David about whether the berms on the sides of the roads could be addressed so that the water can run off the road. David said he has had conversations with the grader operator, Louie, about it.

The board approved and signed Pay Orders.

The board voted (van Loon/Smith) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 07/14/2016.

Staley McDermet requested the select board consider adopting a sign ordinance which he had submitted prior to the meeting. The language had been taken from the zoning bylaws and the Planning Commission wanted to create an ordinance that they felt would be easier to change than if it were to continue to be part of the zoning bylaws which are not updated regularly. Earlier in the week Staley had submitted it for legal review by attorneys at the Vermont League of Cities and Towns. He received word that it would cost up to \$920 for VLCT to review it and questioned whether to spend the money. One of the VLCT points was that the proposed ordinance cites statutes that pertain to municipal planning and development law whereas municipal ordinances fall under municipal and county government law. The group decided not to pursue an ordinance at this time. There was discussion and some changes were suggested that

can be used by the Planning Commission as it continues to update the zoning bylaws that would continue to include regulation of signs.

OLD BUSINESS:

The board discussed the draft letter to the Traffic Committee about the Route 9 speed reduction that Pieter submitted for board review. The final draft was signed and Marcia will send it to Francie Marbury who will take it to the Traffic Committee meeting to be held in Montpelier on August 3.

NEW BUSINESS:

The board signed Agency of Transportation TA 65 and TA 66 forms for the South Road paving Grant, P01711. The project total was \$226,476.86 and the funds will be processed within a few weeks.

INFORMATION ITEMS AND MAIL:

Both Pieter and Marcia will be out of town for the August 11 meeting. All postings and meeting preparations will be on track.

ADJOURN:

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia L. Hamilton, Select Board Assistant