TOWN OF MARLBORO
REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING
Thursday, October 13, 2016

ATTENDANCE:
Present were select board members Tyler Gibbons, Chair; Pieter van Loon, Vice Chair; Patti Smith. Also present were Catherine Hamilton, President, Ames Hill-Marlboro Community Center; Joan Weir, Vermont Land Trust; 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:
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 approved and signed Pay Orders.

The board voted (Smith/van Loon) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 09/22/2016.

The board voted (van Loon/Smith) to approve the Mixer article for the November/December issue with the changes noted on the draft.

Catharine Hamilton and Joan Weir explained to the select board that the Vermont Land Trust (VLT), in partnership with the Ames Hill-Marlboro Community Center (AHMCC), is raising approximately $170,000 in private donor funding to conserve a 151-acre property located north of South Pond. The new land will be open to the public but the beaches will remain private. Their fundraising will end in March. They may know by January, the deadline for the Town Meeting Warning, whether they will be seeking Town funds by submitting an Article for the Warning. The board took no action.

The animal control topic was postponed. Pieter will try to follow up with the owner of the nuisance dog and the neighbor. The owner has been difficult to reach.

David Elliott presented one bid out of several sought, from Daniels Construction to repair Bridge #2 on Higley Hill Road in the vicinity commonly called "Joe Brook Hill." The proposal for $140,000 to design and construct the bridge presented some concerns for David and the Board. David will contact Marc Pickering of VTrans District 2 and discuss the issues with him. The board voted (van Loon/Gibbons) to accept the bid from Daniels Construction if David receives state approval for the work on the project detailed in the Daniels proposal.

OLD BUSINESS:

Patti reported that she was able to schedule a meeting with a representative from the Vermont State Police to speak with Marlboro residents at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, October 20 at Marlboro Elementary School in the Junior High room to discuss Neighborhood Watch features for residents to prepare themselves against burglaries.

Francie Marbury, Principal of Marlboro School, not present, had requested flashing Radar Speed Feedback Signs (RSFS) be installed in the vicinity of the school where the 40 mph speed limit signs have been installed. Marcia researched with the Agency of Transportation and learned the Town would have to apply for a permit to install the signs. Currently eligibility for the signs is for a 30 mph zone but the state is considering revising the rules and encouraged the Town to submit an application. Estimated costs for the signs are around $2,500 each and Francie had indicated the school would share the cost. Marcia will complete the permit application but the installation of the signs would be delayed if installed at all because the Marlboro school zone is 40 mph and the cost for the signs has not been budgeted.

There were no changes in membership of the DRB but a resignation and appointment are pending.

NEW BUSINESS:
The board voted (Smith/Gibbons) to appoint Sarah Grant, a resident on Butterfield road, to an unexpired three-year term on the Hogback Preservation Commission.

Tyler reported that he contacted Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies about Marlboro's Connectivity Committee's efforts and plans, and applied for CEDS (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies) project status. It will put Marlboro on the map in terms of regional economic initiatives, and greatly help if the Town ever applies for Federal or State funds for connectivity.

The board signed a Driveway Permit Application for Peter Poggi and Ashley Nadeau at 371 Cow Path 40.

INFORMATION ITEMS AND MAIL:
The board received budget updates from the Treasurer.

ADJOURN:
The meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia L. Hamilton, Select Board Assistant