

TOWN OF MARLBORO
REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING
Thursday, May 8, 2014

ATTENDANCE:

Present were select board members Pieter van Loon, chair and Tyler Gibbons. Andy Reichsman was not present. Also present were Bob Elliott, member of the public; Linda Peters, Town Treasurer; and Marcia Hamilton, Select Board Assistant.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting came to order at 5:07 PM.

APPROVAL AND SIGNATURE OF PAY ORDERS:

The board approved and signed pay orders.

SCHEDULED AND UNSCHEDULED TIME:

Bob Elliott was present during the unscheduled open public comment period. He stated black-topping Higley Hill Road would be cheaper than continuing to pay for labor and materials to make annual repairs to the two miles that are still unpaved. Pieter said the board is still waiting for FEMA reimbursements for Tropical Storm Irene bridge replacement. Now we are closer to closing that out and the board can begin to move forward.

The board voted (Gibbons/van Loon) to support Linda Peters, Treasurer borrowing \$75,000 from the line of credit at the Brattleboro Savings and Loan to cover expenses in anticipation of imminent FEMA reimbursements. The FEMA receipt date and the amount are both unknown at this time.

Linda stated the Drug and Alcohol Policy needs to be updated to meet requirements of the new insurance carrier. Linda and David Elliott will review a model policy and make recommendations to the board for adoption.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The board voted (Gibbons/van Loon) to approve both the minutes of the regular meeting of 04/24/2014 and the minutes of the special meeting of 05/05/2014.

OLD BUSINESS:

The board signed the Department for Children and Families form to Appoint Robin White Service Officer.

The board voted (van Loon/Gibbons) to approve and sign the joint recommendation from the select board and planning commission regarding the proposed AT&T telecommunication facility on Snow Mountain off Route 9. The boards recommend approval of the project but have concerns they would like addressed in the Application for Certificate of Public Good. They are concerned with the height of the tower and request it be built to 120 feet but be able to extend to

a height of 140 feet if need be to accommodate future co-location of other apparatus. The boards understand the proposed total height with antenna would be 124 feet. They request the color of the pole be the standard matte gray, as proposed to AT&T.

Piet and Tyler both reported that they have been unable to identify anyone to fill the vacancy of the Town Representative to Rescue Inc. They both will follow up with possibilities and make contacts..

The board discussed the Better Back Roads grant applications that was previously authorized and mailed to Alan May by the May 5 deadline.

Piet heard from one person, who saw the ad Tyler placed in the *Mixer*, who may be interested in the Animal Control Officer position.

The board discussed the State Agency of Transportation Structures Grant. Piet identified the bridge on South Road near the McCulloch-Lovell's home as an applicable target for repair. The grant deadline is May 1; however, Pieter will talk with David Elliott and they may possibly apply anyway.

The board signed the PACE form entitled Resolution Re Adoption of PACE Program Description and Guidelines. The board adopted new PACE guidelines and signed forms on November 21, 2013. The change with the Resolution form is that Efficiency Vermont requests the form contain lines for select board signatures and dates.

NEW BUSINESS:

The board discussed the new proposal from Verizon for a telecommunication tower on land off Augur Hole Road owned by Tim Racine. Pieter and Tyler composed an email to the attorney and requested a balloon test and a public meeting. The board also requested adequate time to have the balloon test, public meeting and make comments. The board feels the 30-day period will not give the board adequate time to complete all the steps. Pieter will talk with Matt Tell, chair of the planning commission.

INFORMATION ITEMS AND MAIL:

There were no additional information items and mail for discussion.

ADJOURN

The board adjourned at 7:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia L. Hamilton, Select Board Assistant