

TOWN OF MARLBORO
REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING
Thursday, September 11, 2014

ATTENDANCE:

Present were select board members Pieter van Loon, chair, Andy Reichsman and Tyler Gibbons. Also present were Gary MacArthur, resident of MacArthur Road; Linda Peters, Town Treasurer; David Elliott, Road Foreman; Peter Welch, of Welch Masonry LLC, Guilford; and Marcia Hamilton, Select Board Assistant.

IDENTIFY ANY CHANGES TO AGENDA:

No changes were made to the agenda. However, the board changed future agendas as follows: moving the unscheduled open public comment period to the beginning of the meeting from 5:00 to 5:10, scheduling pay orders from 5:10 to 5:20 and discussing and approving minutes from 5:20 to 5:30.

APPROVAL AND SIGNATURE OF PAY ORDERS:

The board approved and signed pay orders.

SCHEDULED AND UNSCHEDULED TIME:

Gary MacArthur returned to present more exact figures and program deadlines for installing solar panels on the Town Garage. The board authorized payment to Gary of \$16,000 which would come from the Town General Fund and Highway Equipment Fund, \$8,000 each. The total cost is \$28,500 and \$12,500 would come from the State as an incentive and be paid to Gary after completion by April 1, 2015. The project group is the Town Garage, Town Office and Marlboro Elementary School. Pieter van Loon will be signatory to documents and Linda Peters will be liaison with the utility company.

The board voted (van Loon/Reichsman; Tyler Gibbons recused himself as he is related to Gary by marriage) to authorize the \$16,000 payment to Gary MacArthur for the 10 kilowatt system called "Town of Marlboro" and the \$12,500 rebate to be sent to Gary after completion. Paperwork will be signed at the 9/25/2014 meeting.

David Elliott updated the board on certain roads and a bridge. Three bids were reviewed but no action was taken. No. 3 Bridge on South Road discussion was rescheduled to the meeting of September 25 because it was not warned for this meeting.

The board and David discussed the Ames Hill @ South Road Yield sign. David will look into the cost of a "Dangerous Intersection" sign and possibly place one at the location.

Regarding paving Higley Hill Road, Piet asked David to work up cost projections for two scenarios: (1) paving all two miles (2) paving the hill at the upper end. A public meeting will be held in the future to allow public input.

The MacArthur Road project, funded with a Better Back Roads grant, will be complete tomorrow.

David will call for sand bids and schedule the opening of bids at the next select board meeting.

Japanese Knotweed is infesting a portion of South Road near the Historical Society. David indicated he received information at a road foreman meeting that the problem is common in many towns. It is harder for a town to control the weed than individuals. Individuals can cut it and burn it on their land but town officials would be able to do that only on town land. David offered his assistance. The board voted (Reichsman/van Loon) to ask the Conservation Commission to help educate people about controlling the weed. Piet will contact Adam Gebb, chair of the Conservation Commission.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The board voted (Reichsman/Gibbons) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 07/24/2014. Pieter van Loon abstained because he was not present at the 7/24/2014 meeting. The board voted (Gibbons/van Loon) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 08/28/2014. Andy Reichsman abstained because he was not present at the 8/28/2014 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Andy updated the board on Emergency Management activities. Recently there was a four-hour class on opening and running a Red Cross shelter. Andy and George Sykes of the Red Cross will meet with Dan Cotter at Marlboro College to look at the dining hall as a possible shelter location. There is funding for a generator. The Red Cross provides supplies. The training group will reassemble this fall and figure out logistics. The next radiological drill will be October 8 at the firehouse. The new contract for the period beginning July 1 was returned by the state August 28.

NEW BUSINESS:

The board voted (van Loon/Reichsman) to accepted the resignation of Francie Marbury on the Planning Commission. The board voted (Reichsman/van Loon) to appoint Tim Segar to the Planning Commission as recommended by the Planning Commission.

INFORMATION ITEMS AND MAIL:

There were no information items or mail.

ADJOURN:

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia L. Hamilton, Select Board Assistant