

TOWN OF MARLBORO
REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING
Thursday, December 8, 2016

ATTENDANCE:

Present were select board members Tyler Gibbons, Chair; Pieter van Loon, Vice Chair and Patti Smith. Also present were Mary Sargent, Zoning Administrator; Linda Peters, Town Treasurer; David Elliott, Road Foreman; representatives of Marlboro Alliance for the Town House improvement project, namely, Staley McDermet, Michelle Holzapfel, David Holzapfel, Nancy Anderson, Bob Anderson; and Marcia Hamilton, Select Board Assistant.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting came to order at 5:00 PM.

IDENTIFY ANY CHANGES TO AGENDA:

There were no changes made to the agenda.

SCHEDULED BUSINESS:

No member of the public was present during the unscheduled open public comment period.

Mary Sargent came to the board to discuss a zoning matter. After discussion, it was decided the building project in question is in compliance with the zoning regulations. Mary Sargent also raised an issue about someone who is living in a shed with no running water. The individual is in violation of State law for a septic system and the Town's zoning bylaws. Mary will prepare a letter to the individuals citing the zoning violations and stating that the select board is available to discuss the situation further with the individual.

The board approved and signed Pay Orders.

The board voted (Gibbons/Smith) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 11/17/2016; and voted (Gibbons/Smith) to approve the Mixer article for the January/February issue.

The board with Linda Peters and David Elliott discussed the FY 2017 Highway Department budget. The budget will hold this year at \$325,000.

The recently adopted Purchasing Policy was on the agenda to be discussed with Linda Peters and David Elliott because they were not available when it was adopted at the request of Mike Andreotta for a State emergency management report. There was not enough time for a thorough discussion so it was postponed to a February meeting. David and Linda will work together to offer their comments at that time. Linda will contact other towns to see what their policies show regarding some of the issues David and Linda raised.

David Holzapfel updated the board and talked about the next steps in the Town House initiative project. There is a new electrical panel and eight electrical outlets. The new stone steps and stone walls surrounding the planting beds on either side of the steps have been completed. Two hand-forged, wrought-iron handrails will be installed this winter. The planting beds will be

replanted in the spring and the lawn in front will be restored at that time. The stone builder has provided a list of recommendations for the care and maintenance of the steps and wall. For this winter's protection there are stakes to delineate the wall. The plow driver has been briefed about where not to pile snow.

OLD BUSINESS:

Pieter obtained an estimate from First Choice for a camera with accessory costs. The camera would be added at the Town's recycling center at Marlboro School. Pieter also looked into trail-type cameras and features. The board will plan to walk around the site. Tyler will ask Evan Wyse and the junior high to join. Pieter will set something up with Mark Chapman to tour the area. Discussion will continue.

No discussion was held about the connectivity updates that were on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

The board signed the 2017-2018 Rescue contract and the VAST Trail Landowner Permission Form for the Deerfield Valley Stump Jumpers.

The board appointed Lucia Kloster to an unexpired four-year term (2019) on the Conservation Commission.

The board discussed the dog bite matter and the Animal Control Officer has followed up with the owner and person who was bitten. The board is satisfied with the report filed about the incident. The dog is being quarantined at home pending the required waiting period.

INFORMATION ITEMS AND MAIL:

There was no additional information item or mail

ADJOURN:

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia L. Hamilton, Select Board Assistant