

TOWN OF MARLBORO
SPECIAL SELECT BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, March 28, 2017

ATTENDANCE:

Present were select board members Pieter van Loon, Chair and Patti Smith, Vice Chair. Tyler Gibbons was away. Also present were Meghan Brunk and Sarah Linn of Vermont Agency of Transportation District #2; Erica Roper, Windham Regional Commission Transportation Planner; and Marcia Hamilton, Select Board Assistant.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting came to order at 11:00 AM.

SCHEDULED BUSINESS:

The main item was the annual meeting with the Vermont Agency of Transportation District #2 representatives. The items addressed were as follow:

Annual Financial Plan TA-60 for FY 2018. The total for FY 2017 was \$446,577.87 and for FY 2018 the total is \$481,816.00.

The board discussed the Certificate of Compliance and Pieter had reservations about signing it because although the Town has an inventory of deficiencies of roads, bridges, and culverts, it does not have estimates for costs of repair. Meghan Brunk will check and get back to the board.

There was discussion about Town Highway Grants. The deadline this year is April 15. The deadline is so close to Town Meeting and it would be more comfortable to have the date later for planning purposes. Meghan will get consensus from other towns and see if the State could move the deadline later in the future.

Better Back Roads Grants: There was discussion about applying for an erosion inventory grant next year.

Upcoming paving projects/centerline painting: There are no applicable projects this year.

Emergency response protocol (flooding): WRC and the State will coordinate with Marlboro Highway during emergency situations.

Act 64, an act relating to improving the quality of State waters. The Town may apply for a Better Roads grant next year for an erosion inventory to satisfy the requirement.

Asset management, keeping track of culverts and bridges. Although the Town has a tracking system for culverts and bridges, Windham Regional Commission also has an inventory and is available to work with the Town.

Meghan Brunk and Sarah Linn left the meeting.

Erica Roper met with the board and David Elliott. She was present for the whole meeting and had previously coordinated her visit with Meghan Brunk. A day earlier she had sent an email to the Town about the State's Capital Program Priority List which included one project applicable to Marlboro, that being the resurfacing of Route 9. She distributed a Town Input /summary sheet for personal evaluation of the paving project. The board ranked the criteria as they discussed related topics such as the rumble strip and bike lane options.

Erica Roper also had a map of Marlboro and wanted to identify grant possibilities for future years. David said the only one is on Collins Road, an 8-foot culvert that was damaged during Tropical Storm Irene. It was postponed because a needed hydraulic study was priority. He said the project involves a design/build for either an arch or box culvert and he estimated it could be \$100,000 or more. Better Roads grants are a few thousand dollars and State structures grants offer more. She will study the feasibility of combining a State and Better Roads grant with a split on the local match.

David reported that Bridge #5 on lower Augur Hole Road is using a structures grant for a new membrane. Bridge #2 on Higley Hill Road is using a structures grant for an arch extension.

Erica Roper left the meeting.

The board signed a Letter of Support for a grant application by Ed Metcalfe, Hogback Properties, for solar panels on the back roof of the Alpenglo.

ADJOURN:

The meeting adjourned at 12:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia L. Hamilton, Select Board Assistant