

TOWN OF MARLBORO
REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING
Thursday, April 13, 2017

ATTENDANCE:

Present were select board members Pieter van Loon, Chair; Patti Smith, Vice Chair and Tyler Gibbons. Also present were Clarence Boston, Constable; Diana Todd, President of Hogback Mountain Conservation Association; Mike Purcell, Chair, Hogback Preservation Commission; Sue Burt, interested citizen working with Marlboro Elementary School on traffic speed issues; 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:

Clarence Boston appeared during the unscheduled public comment period. He feels the Town should have a full-time animal control officer. He held the office of ACO for a number of years until he resigned in 2012 and is familiar with the responsibilities. Because of his role as Constable, he says the Vermont State Police called on him recently to assist with an animal issue at the College, but he feels that since the Town has an ACO, animal issues should be the responsibility of the ACO. Pieter will talk with Mike Young, ACO, about his availability in general and see how familiar he is with some recent dog issues on Augur Hole Road.

The board approved and signed Pay Orders.

The board voted (Smith/Gibbons) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 03/23/2017. The board voted (van Loon/Smith) to approve the minutes of the special meeting of 03/28/2017. The board voted (Gibbons, van Loon) to approve the Mixer article for the May/June issue.

Mike Purcell and Diana Todd came to the board to request consideration by the board to draft an agreement that would transfer ownership of T-bars, spring boxes and various other items in the buildings at Hogback to the Hogback Mountain Conservation Association so they could use them to raise funds that would be deposited in HMCA accounts. No decision was made. The board will look into the legality of a public entity transferring ownership of items to a private entity for the purposes of fundraising.

Stretch Vonderhorst, the Town's Windham Solid Waste Management District Representative, was scheduled but not present at the meeting.

Sue Burt came to the board to discuss acquiring Radar Speed Feedback Signs to be installed in front of Marlboro Elementary School. Various considerations were identified such as proposals and estimates from the vendor, All Traffic Solutions. The cost was discussed which is not in either the Town or School budgets this year. They discussed the features that might come

with the sign(s). There are some questions on the quotes that need answers and Sue will do a little more digging. She will also check with Francie to discuss the same issues with the School Board. No action was taken, pending additional information.

OLD BUSINESS:

Pieter reported on the Newfane recycling meeting he attended. He said the Materials Recovery Facility at WSWMD is definitely planning to close and there appear to be no alternative plans among towns. He said the WSWMD developed an RFP for Towns to use when requesting bids from trash haulers for providing recycling services.

Patti reported that she followed up with the Vermont State Police about the burglaries that occurred last year. She said that two separate arrests were made late last year that may have been linked to the Marlboro break-ins, though they have no solid proof that these individuals were responsible for all of the incidents in town. Since then, reported burglaries in Marlboro have dropped to what they consider a low level—3 reported so far this year. They encourage everyone to continue to take security seriously. This information will be posted on the appropriate Facebook page.

NEW BUSINESS:

The board reviewed the *Facilities Use Agreement* intended for use of the Town House and the *Hogback Mountain Conservation Area Special Use Permit for a Group Event or Organized Activity* intended for events at Hogback. Both forms are applications to permit uses of Town facilities but the requirements of each vary. No action was taken. Pieter will talk with Linda Peters about the requirements in the Facilities Use Agreement regarding insurance. The board approved the Special Use Permit for Adam Katrick's Wolfgard Northeast, Inc. event to be held Saturday, May 6, 2017 at Hogback.

The board approved the following Excess Weight Permits: A.S. Clark & Sons, Newfane, VT; Camp Precast Concrete Products, Inc., Milton, VT; and Bazin Brothers Trucking, Westminster, VT. Further, the board voted (Gibbons/Smith) to start accepting the \$10 permit fee for Excess Weight Permits beginning in 2018. Marcia will contact this year's applicants and notify them of the change in policy.

The board approved and signed the Liquor License Renewal for Outside Consumption Permit 5/1/17-4/30/18, for Colonel Williams Inn.

The board approved and signed the Driveway Permit for Allan and Megan Warner, 123 Cowpath 40.

There was brief discussion of House Bill 5 Investment of Public Funds. According to an April 6, 2017 email from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, the Senate Government Operations Committee has requested input from local officials and particularly trustees of public funds regarding H.5, a bill relating to the investment of cemetery funds. Three cemeteries in Marlboro have private associations with small private bank balances. The Town budget holds \$3,000

annually in public funds for cemeteries. The board took no action. Pieter will contact Linda to discuss this with her.

The board voted (van Loon/Smith) to authorized Linda Peters, Town Treasurer, to meet with a representative of Brattleboro Savings and Loan to acquire a loan of \$150,000.00 to help defray Town expenses until tax revenue begins to accumulate.

INFORMATION ITEMS AND MAIL:

There were no additional information items or mail.

ADJOURN:

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marcia L. Hamilton, Select Board Assistant