

TOWN OF MARLBORO
REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING
Thursday, November 9, 2017

ATTENDANCE:

Present were select board members Pieter van Loon, Chair; Patti Smith, Vice Chair and Tyler Gibbons. Also present were Mike Andreotta, Emergency Management Director; Roger Safford, Roger Safford, Jr., and Mike Grady, Hunter Brook Road residents; and Marcia Hamilton, Select Board Assistant.

CALL TO ORDER:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

IDENTIFY ANY CHANGES TO AGENDA:

There were no changes made to the agenda.

SCHEDULED BUSINESS:

Mike Andreotta reported his activities during the rain storm event of October 29 and 30. He said the high-water sensors survived, one looks functional, the other was pummeled and has something jammed up in the sensor. He will be checking on them. They performed as expected during the storm. Mike was checking on water levels of the Branch Brook. He visited two homes. He said if there were to be four inches of rain in the future he would ask the two residents to evacuate in advance of a storm. Mike has Emergency Management funds for additional sensors and accessories.

The board approved and signed Pay Orders.

The board voted (Smith/Gibbons) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 26, 2017.

Erika Korb, Energy Coordinator candidate, did not attend the meeting. We expect she will reschedule.

Roger Safford, Hunter Brook Road, came to the board to request reclassification of Hunter Brook Road from class 4 to class 3. Pieter explained the process for reclassification that he would have to bring the road up to class 3 standards. He would also need a petition signed by 5% of the Town's registered voters. There would be a hearing and a Decision. He requested the road be maintained in better shape and explained that the road over the years has lost gravel in washouts. The board will recommend that the Town road crew put some more gravel on the road for now.

There was also discussion about the generator the Saffords are running and the noise concern. Roger Safford said the generator is rated for use in National Parks and he needs it for medical reasons. Roger Safford, Jr. stated that there are no neighbors close enough to hear the generator and that they have had problems with the Newfane neighbors for some time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tyler went to a meeting with Wayne Kermenski, Principal of MES, and Sue Burt at the school to discuss signage. Wayne's concern was traffic not slowing down because of the two westbound lanes. They want to get signs that say "30 MPH when lights are flashing". Sue will look into that. From Wayne's perspective he is particularly concerned about the morning and afternoon time periods when students are arriving and departing. The meeting was intended to bring Wayne up to date on traffic and signs. Sue said there may be grant money for the signs but the Town has to show a holistic approach to qualify. The board would be in favor of sharing the cost with the school if any Radar Speed Feedback Signs are purchased if grant funds are not used.

The board discussed whether and how much to donate to Front Porch Forum because of the significant use by residents. After checking with Linda Peters about available funds in the budget, the board suggested donating \$150. Linda will be contacted to send a check.

The board had a discussion about the recent Board of Civil Authority meeting.

There was a brief discussion about Conservation Commission vacancies and Pieter expressed interest in becoming a member. The board voted (Smith/Gibbons) to appoint Pieter van Loon to the Conservation Commission. He will serve a four-year unexpired term to March, 2021.

The board discussed storm damage and signed a letter to Marc Pickering, District 2 AOT Project Manager for a request for funds from the State. The letter is paraphrased as follows: The rain storm caused extensive damage to several roads, namely, Shearer Hill Road, Grant Road, Adams Crossroad, Higley Hill Road, Lahar Road and Augur Hole Road in the amount of \$44,000. In addition the culvert on Lahar Road was damaged and considered a total loss by experts. The replacement cost will be approximately \$300,000.

The board briefly discussed other grant opportunities and Marcia reported from David Elliott that Windham Regional Commission is collecting information and pursuing a grant on behalf of the town.

Marcia reported on the private road sign policy. She was unable to find anything in writing, even after having contacted former select board members of 1996 who adopted the Ordinance Regarding Street Naming and Street Addressing. The feeling was that the policy for charging residents on private roads for replacement signs has been followed by the Town for a number of years but has not been written or formally adopted. No action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

A resident on Moss Hollow requested the select board take action about speeders on Moss Hollow Road. Halifax has a 35 mph sign posted at the town line but there is no 35 mph sign posted on the Marlboro side. After discussion, Pieter will contact the road crew and have them post 35 mph signs on the Marlboro side. Tyler will contact the resident and let him know signs will be posted.

There was no Driveway Permit Application to sign as was anticipated.

INFORMATION ITEMS AND MAIL:

Ty reported on the Dover connectivity summit meeting and said four members of the Connectivity Committee were in attendance. He said there are no easy answers but it is good to be connected to other town and State officials to see a few different small town/municipal models in action. The Marlboro Committee is going to continue its phase one goal of bringing fiber to the Town Office. Clay Purvis, Director of the Telecommunications and Connectivity Division of the Vermont Public Service Department, promised to help put the Committee in touch with higher up people at the providers.

ADJOURN:

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Marcia L. Hamilton, Select Board Assistant