

TOWN OF MARLBORO
REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING
Thursday, April 12, 2018

ATTENDANCE: Present were select board members Patti Smith, Chair (arrived at 5:10pm), Tyler Gibbons, Vice Chair and Jesse Kreitzer, Member. Also present were David Elliott, Road Foreman; Mike Purcell and Malcolm Moore, Hogback Preservation Commission; Peggy Tiffany, Animal Control Officer; Linda Peters, Town Treasurer; Lauren MacArthur, Select Board Assistant; and Marcia Hamilton, Select Board Assistant.

CALL TO ORDER: Tyler Gibbons, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM on Thursday, April 12, 2018.

CHANGES TO AGENDA:

- Add discussion of Hogback Mountain biodiversity study to the Hogback Preservation Commission's list of discussion topics
- Add to Old Business: Patti Smith to sign radar sign application.

APPROVAL AND SIGNATURE OF PAY ORDERS: The Pay Orders were approved and signed.

SCHEDULED BUSINESS:

No unscheduled public comment.

The Select Board voted to accept minutes of the last regular meeting of 03/22/2018 and the Select Board Report for the Mixer Article for the May/June issue (Kreitzer/Smith)

David Elliott, Road Foreman addressed residents' requests for SLOW signs, especially on Town Hill Road. There were complaints from residents in November and February. David suggests having the Sheriff's Department do a study of speeding on Town Hill Rd. He doesn't believe that SLOW signs are very effective after people have seen them a few times. Patti Smith will contact the Sheriff's Office and ask them if they would monitor speeding on Town Hill Rd. David will call Steve Barrett in Brattleboro to see if we could borrow a speed radar sign to allow us to gather some data (the signs that Brattleboro has can gather data when turned on and off).

Mike Purcell and Malcolm Moore, Hogback Preservation Commission, discussed the following:

- (1) Liability concerns: Linda Peters provided information from VCLT that volunteers on Hogback need to be recognized as such and sign a waiver. The HPC plans to post signs that inform recreational users that they are recreating there at their own risk. Because the property is just land, there are no additional insurance options for the town.
- (2) Demolition of the old First Aid Building: This unstable building is an ongoing liability concern. The demolition estimates are approximately \$6000, but this figure does not include extra costs associated with environmental inspection and any special disposal of hazardous materials. The Select Board suggests hiring the environmental inspector to figure out the scope of the project before taking next steps. Malcolm and Mike also mentioned that the old bridge on the t-bar line is not stable and they are discussing ways to stabilize it.
- (3) Access agreement with National Grid: This agreement expires in July. The town currently receives \$3000/year, but HPC would like to ask

them for more. Malcolm will draft a letter to National Grid. (4) Biodiversity Study: The HPC and HMCA are ready to move forward with the biodiversity study on Hogback and have a quote for \$8400.

Peggy Tiffany, Animal Control Officer, discussed current and recent incidents. No complaint was filed for a recent dog bite incident, so no action was taken, although Peggy has been in touch with all parties concerned. Peggy will be writing a regular Mixer article with information for pet owners. Peggy is also doing informal training with Brattleboro's ACO.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Appointments of Certain Town Officials:

The select board voted (Smith/Kreitzer) to make the following appointments:

Jean Boardman to DRB (3 years to 2021)

Tony Gordon to WSWMD (1 year to 2019)

Stillman Vonderhurst WSWMD (1 year to 2019)

Radar Signs: Tyler explains that everything is ready to move forward except the specific sign that will be purchased. Celena Romo on the School Board has been talking to the sign company and the State. The sign that meets the guidelines costs much more. Celena is trying to see if a less expensive sign will be acceptable. Tyler had prepared the application and Patti Smith signed it.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Select Board signed a letter to Windham County Sheriff's Office, notifying them of administration changes within the Select Board.

The Select Board considered a request from Nor'east Trail Runs to route a marathon through Marlboro. Jesse will ask for more information via email.

The Select Board signed an Excess Weight Permit Camp Precast Concrete Products, Inc., Milton, VT. The Select Board is waiting for a check to complete this permit process.

The Select Board voted to renew membership to Mayors for Peace and pay the \$19 membership fee. (Kreitzer/Smith)

INFORMATION ITEMS AND MAIL

Copies of 1st Quarter Financials given to Select Board members

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lauren MacArthur, Select Board Assistant