

TOWN OF MARLBORO
REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING
Thursday, April 26, 2018

ATTENDANCE: Present were select board members Patti Smith, Chair, Tyler Gibbons, Vice Chair. Also present were David Elliott, Road Foreman; Woody Bernhard, Pieter van Loon, Members of the Public, Linda Peters, Town Treasurer; Celena Romo, MES School Board Member; Lauren MacArthur, Select Board Assistant.

Jesse Kreitzer, Select Board Member, was out of town and could not attend.

CALL TO ORDER: Patti Smith, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM on Thursday, April 26, 2018.

CHANGES TO AGENDA:

Add to Old Business: Patti Smith to sign letter to National Grid, drafted by HPC.

SCHEDULED BUSINESS:

Unscheduled Open Public Comment: Woody Bernhard wanted to inform the Select Board of a Thursday, May 31 public meeting entitled Community Meeting: Talk about our Vanishing Democracy, to be held at the Town House in the evening. Woody is working with Steven John, Wendy Webber, and Francie Marbury to organize the event. The goal is to create unity in talking about democracy. Patti asked how the organizers might bring in people in town that don't often make it to events like this. Tyler points out that this meeting could be an opportunity to talk about the perennial issue of Town Meeting and voting accessibility within Marlboro.

Piet van Loon is mistakenly getting Jesse's select board mail.

David Elliott, Road Foreman, talked to Steve Barrett and can lend a speed radar sign to Marlboro. David will work with Steve to set this up. David also talked to Steve about SLOW signs and learned that Brattleboro is relying on radar signs instead of SLOW signs because they appear to be more effective. Patti had contacted the Sheriff's Department about speeding on Town Hill Rd., but will let them know that we no longer need their assistance at this time.

David proposes taking on a 4th road crew member while one member is out for medical reasons. The Select Board will look into this option further.

Celena Romo, Marlboro School Board Member, reported that she has found a speed radar sign to purchase that meets state requirements. The sign company will give the town a 15% discount and \$100 off the listed price. Patti signed the invoice and Ty has the permit prepared to mail in now that we have the sign model number. After the permit is approved, the sign will be purchased.

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

The Select Board voted to accept minutes of the last regular meeting of 04/12/2018. (Gibbons, Smith)

OLD BUSINESS:

The Select Board approved a request from Nor'east Trail Runs to route a marathon through Marlboro. Lauren will contact them to ask about how they plan to publicize this in advance.

Patti signed a letter requested by WSWMD, informing them of Marlboro's WSWMD 2018 representative appointments.

The Select Board will vote on the Hogback biodiversity project at the next regular meeting. Patti will recuse herself from the decision because she is on the Hogback Biodiversity Committee.

Patti signed a letter drafted by the Hogback Preservation Commission to National Grid, initiating a discussion regarding the license agreement providing National Grid access through town land to the National Grid tower and building on Mt. Olga. (This agreement expires in July, 2018.) Pieter van Loon points out that the road is eroded and perhaps road maintenance should be taken into consideration in the new agreement.

NEW BUSINESS:

No action was taken on the Vermont Transportation Board's request for aviation statute input.

Lauren will set up the Select Board email so that it forwards all messages to the select board member's individual email accounts.

INFORMATION ITEMS AND MAIL

There are several upcoming VLCT events.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lauren MacArthur, Select Board Assistant