

TOWN OF MARLBORO  
REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING  
Thursday, July 12, 2018  
5:00 PM

**ATTENDANCE:** Present were select board members Patti Smith, Chair, Tyler Gibbons, Vice Chair, Jesse Kreitzer, Member. Also present were Linda Peters, Town Treasurer; Forrest Holzapfel, Town Clerk; Nancy Anderson, HMCA Member; Lauren MacArthur, Select Board Assistant.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Patti Smith, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:06pm.

**UNSCHEDULED OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mike Andreotta presented a letter from VT Dept. of Public Safety, stating that the subgrant between the Town of Marlboro and the State of VT Dept. of Public Safety has been closed out as of 7/3/18. The amount paid out was \$14,876.13 (out of the \$15,000 award amount).

Mike also stated that the State has completed a hydrology and hydrolic study (completed as a requirement for FEMA) at the Lahar Road culvert site, which frequently floods out. David Elliott, Road Foreman, is currently soliciting bids from contractors to complete the project. The Select Board will need to review the bids and approve those chosen. The repairs to the Lahar Rd. culvert site need to be completed within 18 months of January, 2018. If the repairs will take longer than 18 months, the State needs to be notified and then FEMA will extend the grant period.

Mike also plans to update the local emergency management plan, eliminating Meeting House School. A new notification tree will be provided within the week.

**CHANGES TO AGENDA:**

Approval of a Special Use Permit from HMCA, and VAST Landowner Permission Form, submitted by the HPC after the agenda deadline, were added to New Business.

**SCHEDULED BUSINESS**

Linda Peters, Town Treasurer and Forrest Holzapfel, Town Clerk presented the 2018 tax rate. The town tax rate is staying at 0.42, the same as last year. The homestead rate is \$2.1574 (up 6.25 from last year) and the non-residential rate is \$2.0353 (up 6.57 from last year). Select Board members approved the 2018 tax rate, witnessed by Forrest Holzapfel.

Nancy Anderson was present for the discussion of the Hogback Agreement with New England Power. The Select Board reviewed the draft of the Second Amendment to License Agreement between the Town of Marlboro and New England Power, presented by New England Power after negotiations with Jesse. The Select Board wishes to eliminate paragraph #3, which creates two ten-year extension terms and defines the rate of payment for those periods. The Select Board would prefer to confine the current agreement to the next five years. Jesse will contact New England Power and ask for this change to be made. The Select Board agreed that Jesse could contact an attorney to review the agreement if New England Power does not agree to the elimination of paragraph #3 .

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Select Board voted to approve minutes of the last regular meeting, 06/28/2018. (Smith, Kreitzer)

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The Select Board discussed the Emergency Management Director position. No one has applied yet. The Select Board will reach out within the community to seek candidates for the position.

There was no update on public wifi at the Town Office.

The Select Board reviewed the Ordinance Regarding Street Naming and Street Addressing. No changes will be made to the ordinance at this time.

Moosewood Ridge was approved as a name for a private drive off of Ames Hill. (Gibbons, Smith; Kreitzer abstained)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Allan McLane was reappointed as Fire Warden for five years, from 7/1/18-6/30/23.

The Select Board signed the annual VAST Landowner Permission form, giving permission for snowmobilers to use the VAST trail that passes through Hogback Mountain property, valid from 12/15/18-12/15/19.

The Select Board signed a Hogback Mountain Conservation Area special event permit for a wildlife education and insect survey group to camp and study on Hogback Mountain from 8/4/18-8/5/18.

**INFORMATION ITEMS AND MAIL**

Information was distributed regarding an emergency management conference, taking place in September.

There have been some complaints about the website. Lauren will gather specific complaints in writing.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24pm.

