

TOWN OF MARLBORO
REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING
Thursday, August 23, 2018
5:00 PM
Town House

ATTENDANCE: Present were Select Board members Patti Smith, Chair, Tyler Gibbons, Vice-Chair, Jesse Kreitzer, Member. Also present were David Elliott, Road Foreman; Jesse Hamilton, Road Crew Member; Kristin Brooks and Laura Sibillia, SeVEDS Representatives; Lauren MacArthur, Select Board Assistant.

CALL TO ORDER: Patti Smith, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

There was no unscheduled public comment.

There were no changes to the agenda.

SCHEDULED BUSINESS

Jesse Hamilton shared his thoughts with the Select Board regarding the hiring process for a new road crew member. He emphasized the importance of hiring someone experienced, qualified, ready to learn, and willing to stay for the long term.

The Select Board discussed road crew member candidates that were interviewed on 8/22/18 with David Elliott.

The Select Board made a hiring decision, contingent on responses to a few questions (Gibbons, Smith). Jesse Kreitzer and David Elliott will follow up with the candidates.

Kristin Brooks and Laura Sibillia, SeVEDS Representatives, updated the Select Board on new initiatives such as the following: an internship program, a new microentrepreneur loan fund, the Connectivity Summit, Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies, and a southern Vermont marketing campaign to encourage people to move here to fill jobs. They are working closely with Marlboro College here in town. They also spoke extensively about their work around connectivity within southern VT. The Select Board has filled out their connectivity survey and will mail it in.

Ty updated the SeVES representatives about the town's goal to offer faster, usable internet in the center of town. There is currently upgraded internet in the center of town. The new library might make the town eligible for connectivity funding.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Select Board approved minutes from the 7/26/18 regular Select Board meeting (Gibbons, Smith) and 8/09/18 regular Select Board meeting (Kreitzer, Smith). The Select Board Report for the 09/10 Mixer was approved (Gibbons, Kreitzer).

OLD BUSINESS:

Patti updated the Select Board on the Planning Commission's idea for a Municipal Planning Grant project: a municipal sewer system. Edie Mas will visit the Select Board in the near future to share more about this idea.

Tyler updated the Select Board on connectivity in town. He has filled out the connectivity survey from SeVEDS and Tyler (or someone else on the Connectivity Committee) will attend the Connectivity Summit. Tyler met with Forrest and the town's wifi administrator and had wifi boosted for public use in the center off town (at a rate of 10 down, 5 up). Streaming for certain websites is currently not available, but this upload and download speed is faster than most people in Marlboro have in their homes. Ty will send out a missive on Front Porch Forum to update town residents about this change.

INFORMATION ITEMS AND MAIL

The Select Board members received information regarding VLCT's "Town Fair" conference in Burlington.

The Select Board members signed up for days to come in to sign payroll through November.

The regular Select Board meeting for the week of Thanksgiving has been moved to Tuesday, November 20, 2018, although this is subject to change.

Lauren will send out additional information to Select Board members about about "When Governments Cooperate" workshops via VT Agency of Natural Resources.

The SB acknowledged receipt of Gussie Bartlett's idea regarding a public "thermometer" for keeping track of how full the recycling bins are. Tyler will reply to her.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11pm.

