

TOWN OF MARLBORO
REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING
Thursday, December 27, 2018
5:00 PM

ATTENDANCE: Present were Select Board members Patti Smith, Chair, Tyler Gibbons, Vice-Chair and Jesse Kreitzer, Member. Also present were Linda Peters, Town Treasurer; Forrest Holzapfel, Town Clerk; Gemma Ollis, Community Center Coordinator; Jean Boardman, Innkeeper, Whetstone Inn; Marcia Hamilton, Representative of the Meeting House Board; Lauren MacArthur, Select Board Assistant.

CALL TO ORDER: Patti Smith, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:10pm.

Changes to the Agenda: Approval of the Select Board Report for the Town Meeting Annual Report was added to “Approval of Minutes”

There was no unscheduled public comment.

SCHEDULED BUSINESS: Linda Peters, Town Treasurer, met with the Select Board to review the FEMA administrative grant for the Lahar Road culvert project. Jesse has spoken with Tim at FEMA, who said that all the information had been submitted except for invoices for hours. The Select Board reviewed invoices from Mike Andreotta, former Emergency Management Director and hours submitted by David Elliott, Road Foreman and Linda Peters. Jesse has let Mike know that he’ll be reimbursed for work on the project after he had officially left the EMD job. The Select Board did not yet determine the pay rate for these hours, but considered a rate based on percentage of hours. Linda will call Kim at FEMA and clarify terms of the grant and will get back to the Select Board. Jesse will talk to Tim to clarify any specific terms about how the grant money should be distributed.

Forrest Holzapfel, Town Clerk, Gemma Ollis, Community Center Coordinator and Jean Boardman, Innkeeper of the Whetstone Inn joined the Select Board to discuss parking in the town center for use of the Post Office, Community Center, Town Office, and Town House, since it has come up as an issue recently. Forrest mentioned a suggestion from David Elliott to expand the small parking area across from Town Office. Forrest also suggested using the Town Park area for parking. In an email, Lauren Poster had suggested clear signage. All agreed that it would be helpful to communicate to town residents about the issue and ways to address it immediately through practices such as parking as far to the right as possible, observing handicapped spaces, and leaving the mail truck delivery area clear. Jean has two spaces on the church side of her property and parking spaces that she needs for the Inn. A fire and mail lane need to be left open. Marcia also reminded everyone that the driveway in front of the church needs to remain clear. Forrest brought up the necessity to keep the parking lot clear overnight during snowstorms so it can be plowed. Tyler suggested marking the parking lot with chalk to experiment with designating parking spaces and areas. When information goes out about town events, parking should be mentioned, carpooling encouraged, etc.

Forrest and Linda will speak with David about creating parking spaces across from Town Office and the logistics of parking (and plowing) at the Town Park. Forrest will ask Matt at the Post

Office how much space he needs and whether or not the Post Office can provide some signage. The Select Board will contact the Marlboro Park Association and will communicate about this issue in the Mixer, Front Porch Forum, etc.

Jean suggested trying to coordinate with the Moover, and asking them to have an official stop at Community Center and/or encouraging people to use the Moover. Jean also suggested creating a park-and-ride option within town, especially for larger events at the Community Center or Town Meeting.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Select Board approved minutes from the regular meeting on 12/13/18. (Smith, Kreitzer). The Select Board also approved the Select Board Report for the Town Meeting Annual Report (Kreitzer, Smith).

OLD BUSINESS:

The Select Board revisited the conversation about installing Beaver Deceivers in sites around town where beaver activity poses a risk to roads. The Select Board would like to recommend to the Road Crew the installation one or two Beaver Deceivers in the coming year. This \$2500-\$5000 expenditure would come out of the highway budget. Patti will speak with David Elliott and ask him which site(s) he suggests starting with.

Jesse will check in with Aaron Walsh, Emergency Management Director, to see if he would like to meet with SB next month and whether he needs support in following through on the many ideas for emergency preparation that came forth at the last meeting.

Jesse reported that Pieter van Loon, Tree Warden, had left a message in response to his inquiry about conducting about town-wide tree survey along roadsides in order to identify trees in need of removal or trimming. Pieter explained that this was not a cost effective or practical project to undertake due to the various unpredictable factors that cause tree damage.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Select Board appointed Didi Willard as Marlboro's new representative to the Board of Trustees at Rescue, Inc. (Gibbons, Smith).

INFORMATION ITEMS AND MAIL

The Select Board received information about VLCT's upcoming Town Meeting Tune-Up and Local Government Day in the Legislature.

The Select Board received the 2018 Equalization Study Results from the State of Vermont Department of Taxes. Marlboro's new CLA rate is 100.62% or 1.0062.

The meeting was adjourned at 7pm.

Draft