

TOWN OF MARLBORO
REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING
Thursday, February 14, 2019
5:00 PM

ATTENDANCE: Present were Select Board members Patti Smith, Chair, Tyler Gibbons, Vice-Chair and Jesse Kreitzer, Member. Also present were David Elliott, Road Foreman; Mike Andreotta, Former EMD; Lauren MacArthur, Select Board Assistant.

CALL TO ORDER: Patti Smith, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:01pm.

There was no unscheduled public comment.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: “Connectivity Committee Update” added to “Old Business”

SCHEDULED BUSINESS:

The select board has received information from VLCT about their efforts to help towns streamline town road and bridge standards to align with the new Municipal Roads General Permit. With the select board, David Elliott reviewed the proposed Town Road and Bridge Standards for potential adoption by the town. David did not find issue with the proposed standards, although he brought up the issue of Class 4 roads. The town is expected to maintain Class 4 roads, but there is no money from the State for this work.

The idea of labeling recycling bins was revisited. David said that the Road Crew is willing to remove magnets when they call TAM to pick up full bins and place them on the new bins. Magnets will say “Cardboard and Mixed Paper” and “Comingled Containers. Please, No Plastic Bags.” Both will say “Marlboro Recycling Center” as well.

David mentioned to the select board that he is concerned about the Road Crew’s “450” truck and stated that he would like to get rid of it before it gets more costly to maintain. He and Linda will review the cost of the current maintenance of the truck.

Mike Andreotta, former EMD, visited the select board to speak about the FEMA administrative grant for the Lahar Road project. The select board thanked Mike for his work after he had officially left the EMD position and offered a \$1000 stipend (to be funded by the grant money, if received). Mike stated that he is willing to work with Aaron Walsh, current EMD, to acquaint him with the FEMA grants portal.

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 1/26/19. (Gibbons, Smith) The select board approved the Select Board Report for the March/April issue of The Mixer. (Smith, Kreitzer)

OLD BUSINESS:

The select board would like to invite Aaron Walsh, EMD to the next meeting, to follow up on previous discussions about making sure systems are in place for emergency preparedness.

The current Marlboro representatives to the Windham Solid Waste Management District have not attended WSWMD meetings since May, 2018. The select board would like to ask the current representatives to step down in order to allow others to serve the town in this capacity.

NEW BUSINESS:

The select board prepared for pre-Town Meeting and Town Meeting.

The select board reviewed a letter from Waterbury and Strafford's select boards regarding the proposed statewide gas tax to support state highway infrastructure. No action was taken.

Tyler updated the select board on the Connectivity Committee's work. A few members met recently and determined that, now that a committee has been formed, and faster internet has been delivered to the center of town, they will focus on a new goal long-term goal: procuring town-wide fiber access. Tyler referred to a joint project between the town of Chesterfield, NH, and Consolidated Communications as one possible model. On February 15, 2019, a few Connectivity Committee members will meet with Carole Monroe from EC Fiber/ValleyNet to ask for advice in assessing Marlboro's future connectivity options.

INFORMATION ITEMS AND MAIL

The select board received word from Stone Environmental that they did not identify any suspected illicit discharges in Marlboro, and all tests they conducted resulted in normal levels. For the basis of this study, they do not have a need to revisit or investigate any systems further, and their work in Marlboro is complete. This study was conducted in compliance with the MRGP.

The select board accepted Erika Korb's resignation as Energy Coordinator, received via email on 2/13/19.

The select board received information regarding VLCT's Strengthening Communities for the Future: Community and Economic Development Forum on March 27, 2019.

The select board also received information about the BDCC's 3rd Annual Southern Vermont Economy Summit on May 23, 2019.

The select board acknowledged receipt of an Act 250 Incomplete Notice, #2W0245-21, Marlboro College from the Vermont Natural Resources Board.

Jesse will represent the select board at the Marlboro Cares' Senior Lunch on March 1, 2019, and will speak about the highlights of Town Meeting.

The select board received Malcolm Moore's resignation to the Hogback Preservation Commission. Malcolm cited the lack of clarity of the HPC's role as the reason for his resignation. The select board would like to invite Mike Purcell, Chair of the HPC, to discuss the roles of the HPC and HMCA and strategies for the future of the HPC.

Lauren will contact candidates and the School Board to remind them about pre-Town Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lauren B. MacArthur,
Assistant to the Select Board