

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

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ATTENDANCE: Present were Select Board members Tyler Gibbons, Chair and Jesse Kreitzer, Vice Chair and Julia von Ranson, Member. Also present was Lauren MacArthur, Select Board Assistant.

CALL TO ORDER: Jesse Kreitzer called the meeting to order at 5:07pm.

There was no unscheduled public comment.

REORGANIZATION OF THE SELECT BOARD

The following are the customary actions to be taken at the first select board meeting after Town Meeting:

The board voted (Kreitzer/von Ranson) to elect Tyler Gibbons chair of the select board.

The board voted (Gibbons, von Ranson) to elect Jesse Kreitzer vice chair of the select board.

The board voted (Gibbons/Kreitzer) to adopt Select Board Rules of Procedure with the removal of the sentence in Part C.1, as this sentence does not apply to a board of three members: "If both the chair and the vice-chair are absent, a member selected by the body shall act as chair for that meeting."

The board voted (Gibbons/Kreitzer) to adopt a Conflict of Interest Policy.

The board voted (Kreitzer/von Ranson) to designate the Brattleboro Reformer as the official newspaper for publications and notices.

The board voted (Gibbons/Kreitzer) to designate the Town Website marlborovt.us as the Official Town Website.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: Aaron Walsh will attend the March 28, 2019 regular select board meeting due to illness. Edie Mas will attend the March 28, 2019 regular select board meeting.

SCHEDULED BUSINESS:

The scheduled business was rescheduled (see above).

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 2/28/19. (Gibbons, Kreitzer)

OLD BUSINESS:

The Select Board debriefed Town Meeting. At Town Meeting, those present requested

that the select board send the legislature a letter expressing the sense of the meeting in support of making Town Meeting Day a paid state holiday. Jesse will review the letter that was sent last year to this effect and it can be reviewed and signed at the next regular select board meeting.

In the fall, the select board plans to invite town residents to come together to discuss Town Meeting and its time, place, and date in order to increase accessibility. Possible avenues for this discussion are a forum, survey, or devoting an hour of a specific select board meeting to the topic. The select board received an email chain from Forrest Holzapfel, Town Clerk, that included other towns' thoughts about making changes to Town Meeting Day, and the experience of some towns that already have. The towns included in the email chain reported little to no change in attendance after making changes to the date or time of Town Meeting. Other issues discussed were accessibility of the Town House, possible live streaming of Town Meeting, and making time earlier in Town Meeting to speak about available positions in town and ways to get involved.

The Select Board signed the Municipal Roads General Permit Annual Report, stating that a Roads Erosion Inventory should be completed by summer, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Select Board approved a liquor license renewal for the Colonel Williams Inn.

The Select Board appointed the following: (Gibbons, Kreitzer)

- Staley McDermet, 4 years to 2023, to the Planning Commission
- Donald Sherefkin, 4 years to 2023, to the Planning Commission
- Bennett Grout, 1 year to 2020 as Development Review Board Alternate
- Matthew Tell, 1 year to 2020 as Development Review Board Alternate
- Mike Purcell, 3 years to 2022 to the Hogback Preservation Commission
- Sarah Grant, 3 years to 2022 to the Hogback Preservation Commission
- Ed Metcalfe, 3 years to 2022 to the Hogback Preservation Commission
- John Nevins, 2 years to 2021 to the Hogback Preservation Commission *
(to complete Malcolm Moore's term)
- Edie Mas, 1 year to 2020 as Windham Regional Commissioner
- Allan McLane, 1 year to 2020, E911 Coordinator
- Allan McLane, 1 year to 2020, Town Communication Coordinator
- Lucy Gratwick, 1 year to 2020, Senior Solutions Representative
- Robert Anderson, 1 year to 2020, Inspector of Lumber, Shingles and Wood
- Steven John, 3 years to 2022, Development Review Board
- Pieter van Loon, 1 year to 2020, Tree Warden
- Hugh Whitney, 1 year to 2019, Weigher of Coal
- Mary Sargent, Zoning Administrator, 3 years to 2022

The Select Board approved excess weight permits for Valley Crane Service, Inc. and Renaud Bros., Inc.

INFORMATION ITEMS AND MAIL

The select board received a letter from William Dodge regarding revisiting the 140-foot-cell phone tower installation on Snow Mountain. Tyler will check in with Forrest and Pieter van Loon (who was Chair of the Select Board when this first came to the Town for approval). The select board will review the informational letter and speak with the Planning Commission about this issue.

The select board recognized a resignation letter from Julia von Ranson as she steps down from the administrative assistant position for the Development Review Board. She will check in with Steven John, Chair, to see if a replacement is needed.

The select board received the final draft of the Hogback Biodiversity Index and expressed excitement over the project and wondered if a copy could be displayed at the Town Office.

The magnetic signs for the town recycling bins arrived and have been installed on the bins.

The select board received a missive from Aaron Walsh, updating them on his recent work, including a meeting with Marlboro Cares and work on the Local Emergency Management Plan.

The select board received information about VLCT's Spring Selectboard Institute, March 30, 2019.

The select board received information about The Franklin Land Trust bike tour that will come through Marlboro on August 17, 2019. The event is offering \$250-\$500 grants to towns for environmental projects, with a deadline of May 15, 2019. The information was passed on to the Conservation Commission.

Lauren will be absent at the next meeting and select board members will take on her duties in preparation for and at the meeting itself.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32pm.

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

