

TOWN OF MARLBORO
REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING
Thursday, March 28, 2019
5:00 PM

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ATTENDANCE : Present were Selectboard Members: Tyler Gibbons; Chair, Jesse Kreitzer; Vice Chair and Julia von Ranson; member. Also in attendance, Edie Mas; Planning Commission member. Bennett Grout and Patti Smith of the Planning Commission, John Nevins and Jean Boardman of the DRB, Mary Sargent, Zoning Admin, Sarah Aceves of the VT Dept of Public Service, Will Dodge and Simon Brighenti of AT&T and Mark Francillon, Cherrie Corey, Bob Anderson, Ann Bartlett and Jeremiah Wallack of the general public entered the meeting at 6:00 pm.

CALL TO ORDER: Tyler Gibbons called the meeting to order at 5:02pm.

There was no unscheduled public comment.

MUNICIPAL PLANNING GRANT: The Planning Commission has received a Back Roads grant for \$8500 to explore interest, capability and options for future septic needs in the village district. The Planning Commission has started contacting property owners in the village district with a survey inquiring about resident's needs. Planning Commission member Edie Mas explained that some property owners who may wish to subdivide or build additions are not able to do so given current septic restrictions. The Planning Commission is engaged with an engineer via the grant to assess options for septic in the village district. The overall goal of this work is to encourage condensed development in the village district.

The Planning Commission will have a meeting April 1st at the Community Center and intends to form a wastewater committee. Tyler suggested a representative from Marlboro Elementary School and Marlboro College (Marlboro North) be on the committee as they are both located within the village district. Tyler also suggested the Planning Commission come back to the Selectboard when they are ready to appoint members to the subcommittee.

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 3/14/19. (Gibbons, Kreitzer)

SNOW MOUNTAIN CELL TOWER: A joint meeting with the Planning Commission and AT&T convened. In 2014, AT&T sought to build a cell tower at 140 ft on Snow Mountain. The Marlboro Planning Commission recommended the tower be built at 120 ft for aesthetic reasons. AT&T agreed, but no tower was built. In March 2019, AT&T requested again to build a 140 ft tower. The Planning Commission reminded AT&T of the recommendation for the tower to be built at 120 ft and AT&T withdrew the plan to build a tower at 140 ft and agreed to the previous request for a 120 ft tower based on the previous Planning Commission recommendation. Erecting the tower will provide better coverage for first responders on and around Rt 9. FirstNet, a federal program, is a first responders network which would have cell tower signal priority in the event of an emergency in the vicinity of Rt 9 with the new tower.

Tyler asked if another balloon test is possible and it is. The tower will not be illuminated with lights. The Town can make a removal bond recommendation, ensuring the tower will be removed if it becomes inactive. If the tower were to be built at 120 ft but later required an extension of 20 ft, that process would be similar to the one for the initial tower.

The Planning Commission will meet on April 8th and make a recommendation to the Select Board on how to proceed.

OLD BUSINESS: Jesse will be submitting a letter to Senator Balint, Rep. Long and Governor Scott, asking for them to support any legislative initiatives to make Town Meeting Day a paid holiday for Vermonters.

NEW BUSINESS:

The DRB reorganized at their latest meeting and asked the Selectboard to hire a DRB Administrative Assistant to fill Julia's absence. Julia will talk with Lauren MacArthur about writing and posting a job description.

Tyler was contacted about a new Post Office lease. He has passed this off to Linda Peters who has handled this lease in the past.

David Eichelberger is interested in the Energy Coordinator position. He will attend the April 11, 2019 Selectboard meeting.

INFORMATION ITEMS AND MAIL:

The Selectboard reviewed materials related to VLTC Opioid Coordination Council & Downtown Development Board vacancies. No action was taken.
Hogback VLT visit dates May 7 & May 9th

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Julia von Ranson,
Select Board Member