

TOWN OF MARLBORO
REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING
Thursday, April 25, 2019
5:00 PM

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ATTENDANCE: Present were Select Board members Tyler Gibbons, Chair and Julia von Ranson, Member. Also present were David Elliott, Road Foreman; Aaron Walsh, Emergency Management Director; Mary Sargent, Pat D'Angelo and Jeremiah Wallack, Members of the Public; and Lauren MacArthur, Select Board Assistant.

Absent: Jesse Kreitzer, Vice Chair

CALL TO ORDER: Tyler Gibbons, Chair called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT: Pat D'Angelo brought concerns about the formation of a village district, a possible municipal septic system and development of multiple housing units in the village district, and the Snow Mountain cell tower (with a specific concern about 5G technology). She feels that these decisions and changes have happened quickly. Ty responded that the septic project is in an exploratory phase and the goal of a new septic plan would be more to enable existing structures to expand or replace current systems when they fail. He will put Pat in touch with Edie Mas, who has headed the exploration of a municipal septic system. Ty also stated that there is no 5G in Marlboro and likely will not be for some time. Julia referred to VTel's website, which states that 5G may come to Burlington, VT within a few years, but is not likely to be deployed in more rural settings in the near future. Pat asked if Marlboro has a written agreement with AT&T regarding 5G and informing people about it if it were to be installed. Julia said there is some sort of lease agreement in the land records.

David Elliot, Road Foreman, would like to order a new truck costing \$78,265 to replace a problematic truck that the Road Crew currently uses. The Select Board will speak with Linda about financing vs. buying the truck outright.

Mary Sargent presented a complaint about an incident that occurred on her property. Julia will contact Allan MacLane, Fire Warden, to investigate further.

Jermiah Wallack also came with questions about 5G and the Snow Mountain cell phone tower. Jeremiah is interested in connectivity in town and helping with it; Tyler gave Jeremiah information about the Connectivity Committee and the current discussions and project ideas.

Aaron Walsh asked about improving roads in town. Road and emergency preparedness grants were discussed. Tyler also mentioned that this year the Select Board is considering proposing adding a fourth road crew member and possibly building this position into next year's budget. Mud season road signs to dissuade traffic on especially muddy roads were also discussed.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: "Use of Town Park for Yard Sale" was removed from "New Business"

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

SCHEDULED BUSINESS:

Aaron Walsh, Emergency Management Director, has been working on the Local Emergency Management Plan and presented a draft to the Select Board. A few questions concerning the availability of overnight shelters in town, and distributing information in the plan, will be asked of the Windham Regional Commission before completing the final draft of the plan. Notification of preschools within town will be added to the plan. Also, Tyler will speak with Wayne Kermenski, School Principal, about the possibility of the school purchasing a generator as part of building upgrade plans. Aaron is working with Marlboro Cares on creating a list of residents in town who would be particularly vulnerable in an emergency situation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The select board could not approve minutes from the regular meeting because Jesse Kreitzer was absent and Tyler had been absent on 4/11/19. These minutes will be reviewed and approved at the 5/9/19 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Select Board appointed Lauren MacArthur as DRB Administrative Assistant (von Ranson, Gibbons), to be compensated at a rate consistent with her current position as Select Board Assistant. Lauren was the only applicant for the position.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Select Board signed the official appointment form for the Windham Regional Commission, re-appointing Edie Mas. Marlboro may appoint two members to the WRC, but the second position is currently vacant.

INFORMATION ITEMS AND MAIL

The Select Board received information about the 2019 Vermont Emergency Preparedness Conference on September 6 and 7, 2019.

The Select Board received information about the BDCC's Connectivity Breakfast: May 23, 2019. Jesse plans to attend this. Lauren has shared the information with the Connectivity Committee members. Tyler will be convening the Connectivity Committee soon, where they will re-organize and set regular meeting dates.

The Commons asked for a donation from the Town. The Select Board asked Lauren to send a letter to The Commons, explaining the process for requesting funds from Town Meeting.

The Select Board acknowledged receipt of information about Make Music Day, June 21, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.

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