

TOWN OF MARLBORO
REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING
Thursday, May 9, 2019
5:00 PM

ATTENDANCE: Present were Select Board members Tyler Gibbons, Chair, Jesse Kreitzer, Vice Chair and Julia von Ranson, Member; Linda Peters, Town Treasurer, and David Elliott, Road Foreman; and Lauren MacArthur, Select Board Assistant.

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

There was no unscheduled public comment.

SCHEDULED BUSINESS:

Linda Peters, Town Treasurer, and David Elliott followed up with the Select Board about purchasing a new truck for the road crew. Linda had spoken with Brattleboro Savings and Loan about borrowing through a line of credit to cover some town expenses in advance of tax income, in addition to financing the new truck for the road crew through the bank.

The Select Board authorized Linda to borrow up to \$300,000 (at 3.71%) from BS&L and borrow \$78,265 (at 3.68% over five years) for the purchase of a new vehicle for the highway department. (Gibbons, von Ranson)

David informed the Select Board that purchase of a new road grader will become necessary in approximately five years.

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 4/11/19. (Kreitzer, von Ranson) *Abstention: Gibbons*. The select board approved minutes from the regular meeting on 4/25/19. (von Ranson, Gibbons) *Abstention: Kreitzer*

OLD BUSINESS:

The Select Board and Town Office have been hearing numerous complaints about road conditions, especially during this year's mud season. The Select Board discussed this issue and how to address it. David Elliott will be invited to the next meeting. A discussion of additional steps forward included writing an informative article about the logistics of road maintenance, and what townspeople can expect during mud season (and other times as well), in addition to holding a public meeting to share information, ask questions, and consider solutions for higher quality future road care. The addition of a seasonal or permanent fourth road crew member was also discussed, a possible solution that will be discussed further with David, in public meetings, and in future town budget discussions. The possibility of seeking more grants for road maintenance was discussed as well.

The Select Board wondered if complaints were still being logged by the Town Clerk. Lauren will check in with Forrest about the Incident Log.

Julia had followed up with Allan McLane, Fire Warden, about a landlord's complaint about a tenant's burn permit on Cowpath 40. It seems that Allan had followed proper protocol and had spoken with both landlord and tenant during the permitted fire. It remains a landlord-tenant issue and the Select Board can take no action at this time.

Tyler is going to set up a Connectivity Committee meeting soon in order to restructure the committee, set up regular meetings, and make sure meeting minutes can be recorded and published.

Tyler spoke with Wayne Kermenski, School Principal about the idea using Marlboro Elementary School as overnight shelter in an emergency situation. Wayne said getting a generator was part of the conversation in the building improvement plans. The fact that the Outback doesn't have a bathroom could disqualify the space as a legal emergency shelter, but Tyler will email Aaron about this and put him in touch with Wayne.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jesse and Susanne Shapiro, Health Officer, did a site visit at a home on Grant Road, where there was a landlord/tenant dispute over waste disposal. No public health risks were identified by Susanne. This is an issue that needs to be worked out between the landlord and tenant. No further action will be taken by the Select Board at this time.

INFORMATION ITEMS AND MAIL:

The Select Board received information about the following events: BDCC's SoVermont Economy Summit, May 23, 2019; VLCT's Municipal Employment and Human Resources Workshop, June 5 2019; and VLCT's Planning and Zoning Forum, June 18, 2019.

The Select Board received a corrected copy of part of the "Real Estate Conflict of Interest Certification" form, sent as part of the new post office rent contract.

The Select Board received information about the Gathering Place's 30th Anniversary Celebration, VLCT's Annual Report, and a copy of a Public Utility Commission Petition (part of the legal process of beginning work on the Snow Mountain Telecommunications Tower).

The meeting was adjourned at 6:13pm.

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

