

TOWN OF MARLBORO
REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING
Thursday, May 23, 2019
5:00 PM

ATTENDANCE: Present were Select Board members Tyler Gibbons, Chair, Jesse Kreitzer, Vice Chair and Julia von Ranson, Member; David Elliott, Road Foreman; Edie Mas, Planning Commission Member; 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:

David Elliott, Road Foreman, visited the Select Board for a discussion about road conditions, a possible fourth road crew member, and potential grant money for road maintenance. Tyler mentioned the complaints about road conditions during mud season and wished to discuss how to educate townspeople about what to expect in mud season and ways to improve roads so withstand mud season better. David spoke about experimenting with a new type of fabric with bigger mesh to be used with crushed gravel for places like Moss Hollow, Ames Hill near the Marlboro Town Park, and other problem spots. He also explained that there are warm, medium and cold sections of road. This year, the warm roads had issues in January, the medium roads were “not so bad”, and the cold sections were the last to go and were more problematic at the end of the season. He felt that the road crew was able to keep up with the roads this year, but in years when it warms up to high temperatures quickly, all sections of the dirt roads can become problematic at once. David is open to hearing from townspeople directly if their roads are in need of maintenance. In order to share more information about dirt roads, their structure, and mud season, the Select Board will write an article for The Mixer and other publication in town with David’s input. Other suggestions were an interactive online map (such as the one Brattleboro has) to indicate problem spots to avoid, a public meeting, and a yearly reminder about mud season and ways to navigate it.

The Select Board asked David if a fourth road crew member would make a difference in keeping up with road maintenance. David explained that he has more and more paperwork to do, and that most surrounding towns have larger road crews than Marlboro does. The town already hires an additional person for plowing in the winter. Tyler will check in with Linda to see how a fourth road crew member would change the budget, and how this would effect taxes, and will also ask for her suggestions about a timeline and protocol for making this change.

Edie Mas, Planning Commission Member, updated the Select Board on the planning grant to do engineering studies for a possible wastewater project in the town’s village district. Edie presented maps of the village zone. The “Village Center” is a distinct area within the Village Zoning District and the study will focus on the Village Center. The Planning Commission has been working with the Windham Regional and people from the

State. The hope is that the engineering will be done this summer, and Edie has been speaking with both Bob Stevens and Chrissy Haskine of Dufesne Group about the project. The digging of test pits will be necessary.

Edie mentioned that the results of the wastewater survey sent to those in the village district indicated that landowners believe they were doing what they need to do to maintain their wastewater systems properly. In addition to gathering input and information, the survey was sent out to educate people about the village district's existence. There was a 60% response from the surveys sent out.

Edie reported that Pat D'Angelo, Ernie Symes, Marcia Hamilton, Tim Segar, Suzanne Whitehouse, and Jean Boardman have expressed interest in meeting with Edie as an informal Wastewater Advisory Committee. They have met twice and worked to procure the village district maps from Windham Regional Commission.

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 5/09/19. (Kreitzer, von Ranson)

OLD BUSINESS:

The Select Board approved the Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP) prepared by Aaron Walsh, EMD. (Kreitzer, Gibbons)

The Connectivity Committee was not able to meet on 5/23/19, as Tyler had hoped. Bill Esses will be meeting with someone involved with the Chesterfield, NH connectivity project, and the Connectivity Committee will convene soon afterwards.

Jesse attended the Southern Vermont Economy Summit on 5/23/19 and reported back. Affordable housing, ideas for economic growth in rural settings, and connectivity were some of the key topics of the summit.

The Select Board received a copy of the final Facility Use Agreement for Hogback Mountain Conservation Area and reviewed the protocol for those wishing to host an event or group in the Hogback Mountain Conservation Area.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

INFORMATION ITEMS AND MAIL:

The Select Board received information about the federal New Construction Census and decided not to register in the program.

The Select Board received information from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation about the revised Statewide River Corridor Map.

The Select Board reviewed the Town Clerk's incident log.

The Select Board received an invitation to the retirement party for Sheriff Keith Clark.

Linda Peters, Town Treasurer sent an email letting the Select Board know that the paperwork for the credit line and truck loan (that were approved at the last regular meeting) will be ready by next Thursday. Tyler will come in to the Town Office to sign the papers.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

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