

TOWN OF MARLBORO  
REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING  
Thursday, July 11, 2019  
5:00 PM

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**ATTENDANCE:** Present were Select Board members Tyler Gibbons, Chair; Jesse Kreitzer, Vice Chair; Julia von Ranson, Member; Linda Peters, Town Treasurer; Forrest Holzapfel, Town Clerk; David Elliott, Road Foreman; Staley McDermet, Member of the Public; Tom Raffensperger and Laura Raffensperger, New England Green River Marathon Coordinators; and Lauren MacArthur, Select Board Assistant.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Tyler Gibbons, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:05pm.

Staley McDermet visited the Select Board for unscheduled public comment. He expressed an interest in joining the conversation about the hiring of a fourth road crew member, and remained at the meeting for this discussion.

**Scheduled Business:** Linda Peters, Town Treasurer, and Forrest Holzapfel, Town Clerk, first spoke with the Select Board about the new tax rate, which is which is a four cent decrease from last year's tax rate. The proposed new homestead tax rate is 2.1161 and the non residential tax rate is 2.0055. The Select Board approved and signed the tax rate as proposed. (Kreitzer, Gibbons)

Forrest presented the new zoning fee checklist, based on the VT Legislature's new law which came into effect on July 1, 2019, increasing all recording in the Land Records from \$10 per page up to \$15 per page. The Select Board approved the new zoning fees. (Kreitzer, von Ranson)

Staley McDermet spoke as a member of the public, expressing his opinion that a decision about a fourth road crew member should be made with careful, slow consideration since it would be more challenging to decrease the size of the road crew after expanding. Staley also suggested the possibility of contracting out more work or hiring temporary workers instead of hiring another town employee. Tyler explained potential timing of a new hire, some of the benefits of having a fourth road crew member, and relayed the plan to gather public feedback. Tyler asked David and Staley for input on their suggestions for gathering public feedback. A public meeting, perhaps in the fall, seemed to be the preferred course of action.

Staley was also interested in the new Road and Bridge Standards and David explained the reason for new Road and Bridge Standards. He stated that Marlboro standards exceed some of the state standards (for example, using 6 inches of crushed gravel on top instead of 3 inches). The State requires the adoption of the hydrologically connected road standards in order to receive state funding. David has reviewed the new Road and Bridge Standards prepared by VLCT to comply with the Municipal Roads General Permit and does not see any issues with them. The Select Board plans to review the new standards

further and possibly adopt them at the next regular meeting, once David has specified which sections he feels comfortable adopting.

The Select Board checked in with David about the installation of a Beaver Deceiver on Lower Dover Rd. He stated that the culvert needs to be replaced and doesn't think the Beaver Deceiver is necessary. He will be replacing the culvert with a 30 inch by 30 foot culvert at a later date. David will be meeting with Skip Lisle and Patti Smith about the site.

David also stated that he will be meeting with Emily Davis from the Windham Regional Commission soon. The potential installation of time clocks was discussed. Jesse Kreitzer also asked David about enforcing the non-smoking policy on Town property.

Tom and Laura Raffensperger from Sugarloaf Mountain Athletic Club visited the Select Board to discuss the marathon that they put on with the Connecticut River Conservancy. The event will start in Marlboro on September 1, 2019 at 7am. They are hoping to put lawn signs out to notify Marlboro residents of the upcoming event. Tom will post on Marlboro Community Facebook page and will send information to be posted on Front Porch Forum. The race is a "no trace race" with about 400 runners. Half of the proceeds go to their running club and the other half to Connecticut River Conservancy.

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

The Select Board went into Executive Session at 6:15pm.  
The Select Board came out of Executive Session at 6:30pm

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Select Board approved minutes from the regular meeting on 6/27/19. (Gibbons, Kreitzer)

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The Select Board checked in about the Emergency Management Director position. Tyler has posted the EMD job description. No potential candidates have come forth. The Select Board members will reach out to some potential candidates.

The Select Board returned to the discussion about tick-testing subsidies through the lab at UMASS. Jesse spoke with the coordinator of the tick-testing program and learned that the UMass lab processes the tick testing and keeps track of people sending in ticks and what town they are from. Jesse also spoke to Linda and she said that \$500 could be found in the budget for this. The town would pay \$25/test and residents would pay \$10/test (while the UMASS lab will subsidize \$15/test). Jesse will find out how residents actually send in ticks. The Select Board voted to send \$500 to Laboratory of Medical Zoology at UMASS to begin the tick-testing subsidy program in Marlboro. (Kreitzer, Gibbons).

As Chair, Tyler signed the contract agreement with Dufresne Engineering, presented by the Planning Commission. Dufresne will complete the wastewater study in the Village District of Marlboro, paid for by the grant that the Planning Commission received for this purpose.

There was no new business.

**INFORMATION ITEMS AND MAIL:**

The Select Board acknowledged receipt of information about the Blueberry Festival in Wilmington, VT.

The Select Board received information about the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation's Community Facilities Technical Assistance Program. Information will be forwarded to the Marlboro Alliance, the Marlboro Community Center, MCUB, the Energy Coordinator, Village Wastewater, and Fire Department.

Julia von Ranson will attend the August 12 Vermont Leadership Summit event in Randolph, VT.

The Select Board checked in about scheduling public meetings concerning hiring a fourth road crew member and changes to Town Meeting. These discussions will take place at Select Board meetings: September 26, 2019 for the additional road crew member and paving discussion and October 24, 2019 for a Town Meeting discussion. These meetings will be publicized.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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Assistant to the Select Board

