

TOWN OF MARLBORO
REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING
Thursday, August 22, 2019
5:00 PM

ATTENDANCE: Present were Select Board members Tyler Gibbons, Chair; Jesse Kreitzer, Vice Chair; Julia von Ranson, Member; David Eichelberger, Energy Coordinator; Steven John, Chair of the Marlboro Committee for Universal Broadband; and Lauren MacArthur, Select Board Assistant.

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

Change to Agenda: "LEMP Update" added to *New Business*. "Town Clerk Incident Report" added to *Information Items and Mail*.

Scheduled Business:

David Eichelberger, Energy Coordinator spoke about his current ideas and projects. He has spoken with Jon Copans at the Vermont Climate Community Models Program, a state program that helps small communities develop energy-efficiency projects. David asked him about a solar field project and received information about model projects. David asked the Select Board if there was a property in Marlboro that has been considered for a solar array and explained that Green Mountain Power can tell whether a site is viable for solar power systems based on its address. The Select Board mentioned a site that had been recommended by former Select Board Chair, Patti Smith, after her conversation with the landowner. David has also spoken with Becca White at Efficiency VT about the Button Up Vermont program and in-home consultations. David is considering writing an article for the Marlboro Mixer or presenting at the Marlboro Fair to get the word out about these various initiatives. David has contacted Wayne Kermenski, School Principal about being involved in improving school efficiency as part of the remodeling projects at Marlboro Elementary School. David would also like to facilitate a meeting with eco-friendly contractors and the Select Board suggested he connect with SEON, a local group of builders interested in energy-efficiency and reducing environmental impact through design. David noted that Marlboro's small size is a bit of a disadvantage in terms of applying for projects and grants.

Steven John, on behalf of the Marlboro Committee for Universal Broadband (MCUB), presented the RFI letter and ISP contact list prepared by the MCUB to send out to area broadband providers. The Select Board accepted the RFI letter, requesting current Marlboro coverage information from area service providers, as presented. (von Ranson, Kreitzer).

Steven also updated the Select Board on MCUB's current activities, including work on applying for a Broadband Innovative Grant through the State of Vermont's Department of Public Service. Grant information is currently being gathered, a letter of intent will be submitted, and MCUB will return to speak with the Select Board if MCUB decides to pursue the grant further. Tyler suggested the idea of possibly using grant money to hire a consultant to guide the broadband project. Brent Seabrook is working on a coverage map,

inclusive of all residents. Steven also spoke about a few different examples of projects and models in the region. The Windham County legislative delegation will be holding a broadband meeting on September 11, 2019. Some MCUB members will attend and hope for a chance to network. MCUB also plans to put out a survey, possibly at the Marlboro Fair.

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 8/8/19. (Kreitzer, von Ranson)

OLD BUSINESS:

Jesse spoke with the subsidized tick-testing program coordinator at the UMass Laboratory about how Marlboro residents can identify themselves. Usually, the lab uses zip codes only, but many Marlboro residents have other zip codes from surrounding towns for mail delivery purposes. Jess suggested the use of the voter checklist, but the UMass Laboratory was not comfortable with that solution. Jesse will check with Forrest and the tick-testing coordinator to try to come up with a solution.

Marlboro's Local Emergency Management Plan was not accepted by the Windham Regional Commission because it has Aaron Walsh's information on it as Emergency Management Director. Jay Sparks will update the LEMP with his name and information, along with a new LEMP adoption page and will resubmit them..

There was no New Business.

INFORMATION ITEMS AND MAIL:

Jesse did not have a chance to speak with Mark Anderson, Windham County Sheriff. Jesse will reach out to Sheriff Anderson and invite him to a subsequent Select Board meeting.

The Select Board received information about the Vermont Outdoor Recreation Survey and Open Houses.

The Select Board received the updated project schedule from the Planning Commission's Wastewater Subcommittee. Julia spoke with David Elliott and put him in touch with the field tech for the project in order to schedule the digging of test pits.

The Select Board received information about VLCT's Town Fair on October 2-3, 2019 in Killington, VT.

The Select Board received information about the Windham County Legislative Delegation's broadband meeting on September 11, 2018 at 6pm in Wilmington, VT.

The Select Board reviewed the Town Clerk's Incident Log, including a follow-up on environmental complaints.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32pm.

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