

TOWN OF MARLBORO
REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING
Thursday, December 26, 2019
5:00 PM

ATTENDANCE: Present were Select Board members Ty Gibbons, Chair; Jesse Kreitzer, Vice Chair; Julia von Ranson, Member. Lauren MacArthur, Select Board Assistant, was away.

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

There were no changes to the agenda.

Unscheduled Public Comment: No member of the public was present for open public comment.

SCHEDULED BUSINESS:

The Select Board signed pay orders.

The Select Board approved the minutes from 12/12/19 (Gibbons, Kreitzer).

Ty will reply to Adam Grinold, Executive Director of the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC), to set up a phone meeting regarding the ways in which BDCC/SeVEDs could help residents affected by the potential closure of Marlboro College.

Jesse updated the Select Board on the Marlboro College Campus Working Group (Jesse is a Marlboro community representative to that group). The group had held two meetings thus far. The group agreed to reach out and hire a broker and/or a consultant who has expertise in selling campus properties, and would like to meet with potential candidates for the job in January. The working group has also established an email address to receive proposals. Members of the group are encouraged to solicit feedback from their various constituencies; if Marlboro community members would like to share questions, concerns or ideas about the sale of the campus with the working group, they can go to a public spreadsheet at tinyurl.com/tuupflx. This spreadsheet also includes a tab with ideas generated from the brainstorming session that took place at the Marlboro Community Center November 30, 2019.

Jesse has posted the minutes from both meetings on the Marlboro News, Weather and Hearsay Facebook page, and will continue to do so. The next Marlboro College Campus Working Group meeting will be held on January 6th, 2020.

Ty will respond to Marlboro College president Kevin Quigley and encourage the college to hold a public forum for Marlboro residents receive more information and have a chance to ask questions regarding the proposed Emerson deal.

The Select Board discussed the potential of an animal care fund, which would be overseen by Marlboro's current Animal Control Officer Peggy Tiffany. Peggy would like any money that would be paid to her for hours served to go to a fund to help residents in need of care for their

animals. Ty spoke with Linda Peters about how this might work, and there is not a clear and simple solution for how to handle the fund and allocate the money from the town's perspective. Ty will contact the Marlboro Alliance to see if they could possibly administer the fund.

Ty visited the open public comment period at a Marlboro School Board meeting to thank the School Board for their dedicated work on behalf of the Select Board and encourage School Board members to return their yearly stipends to \$1,000 each.

The Select Board voted to designate Tuesday, Feb. 25th at 6 PM in the town office for pre-town meeting (Gibbons, von Ranson).

INFORMATION ITEMS AND MAIL:

The Select Board received notification that Comcast intends to buy Southern Vermont Cable Company. Comcast is required to notify the town to assure the town that this deal would serve the public good.

The Select Board received notice of the Windham Solid Waste Management District's 2020 budget.

The Select Board received notice of VLCT's upcoming trainings and events.

The Select Board received notice of the Environmental Notice Bulletin feedback survey.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ty Gibbons, Chair