

TOWN OF MARLBORO
REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING
Thursday, January 9, 2019
Town Office
5:00 PM

ATTENDANCE: Present were Select Board members Ty Gibbons, Chair; Jesse Kreitzer, Vice Chair; Julia von Ranson, Member; David Elliott, Road Foreman; Andrew Richardson, Road Crew Member; Steven John, MCUB Chair; Bill Esses, MCUB Member; Patti Smith, Resident; Lauren MacArthur, Select Board Assistant.

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:

Andrew Richardson brought in a plan for a memorial for Jesse Hamilton that Rachel Richardson has designed. Rachel is making the hand-forged frame for a photograph of Jesse. Andrew also shared that there has been more and more dumping of trash at the town's recycling center. David Elliott suggested possibly locking the gate at night. Tyler plans to send out another reminder to town residents about recycling center use and etiquette.

Marlboro Committee for Universal Broadband (MCUB) Chair Steven John and MCUB Member Bill Esses shared an update about MCUB's recent work. MCUB members will attend a meeting next week about creating a Communication Union District (CUD) with other towns in the region. Steven wants to gather more information before presenting the idea of forming a CUD to the town. Steven shared a Request for Proposal (RFP) document. Members of MCUB will also attend a meeting next Thursday for towns in the county interested in increasing connectivity, along with an advisor from the State. MCUB is working with the Windham Regional Commission to create a map showing current broadband coverage in Marlboro.

SCHEDULED BUSINESS:

The Select Board offered their condolences to David and Andrew after losing their co-worker, Jesse Hamilton, to a heart attack last week. They have been receiving some part-time help, but do hope to hire another road crew member as soon as possible. The position will be advertised as soon as possible.

A resident had sent a request to the Select Board, asking that the Town consider hiring Halifax's road crew to plow and sand Moss Hollow Road. David will talk to the Halifax road foreman to see if the Halifax road crew would be willing to sand and plow Moss Hollow Road and to ask how much they would charge.

Jesse Kreitzer shared with David that the Select Board has been encouraging the installation of signage on Route 9 directing ski traffic to stay on Route 9, rather than taking Higley Hill Road.

Jesse will follow up on communication with Wilmington about installing signage on their end of Higley Hill Road.

A complaint was received about inconsistent plowing on Lahar Road and this was shared with David and Andrew. David stated that Lahar Road is sanded and plowed after every storm and they plow out to the end of the road.

The Select Board discussed Skip Lyle's email regarding placement of a Beaver Deceiver in the North Pond area. He had stopped work on the North Pond Road site and suggested installing a Beaver Deceiver on Mill Pond dam. The Select Board decided to accept Skip's advice and cancel the second North Pond Beaver Deceiver process, but does not want to install a Beaver Deceiver on the Mill Pond dam at this time.

The Select Board signed pay orders.

The Select Board approved the minutes from 12/26/19. (Kreitzer, von Ranson)

The Select Board amended and approved the Select Board's report for the 2019 Town Report, to be submitted to the auditors by tomorrow. (Gibbons, Kreitzer)

Jesse did not have an update from the Marlboro College Campus Working Group. They met Monday 1/6/20, but the minutes have not been shared yet.

The Select Board continued the discussion regarding an animal care fund, which would be overseen by Marlboro's current Animal Control Officer Peggy Tiffany. Francie Marbury, President of the Marlboro Alliance, will work with Peggy to sort out details and set up the fund. The money for the fund will be a separate line item in the budget, and Tyler will explain at Town Meeting that this donation to the Marlboro Alliance will go directly to the animal care fund. Jesse will ask Peggy to clarify how the fund will be administered and whether or not residents can apply for funds. He will also ask her to formalize the plan for the fund in writing.

The Select Board discussed the upcoming Town Meeting. A separate article regarding the stipend amount for select board members will be added to the meeting warning. Tyler will follow up with Andy Reischman about live-streaming Town Meeting.

INFORMATION ITEMS AND MAIL:

The Select Board received information about the a VLCT/PACIF grant program.

The Select Board also received information about BDCC/SeVEDS public education event to be held at the Community Center on 2/15/20 from 10am-12.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Lauren MacArthur, Assistant to the Select Board