

TOWN OF MARLBORO REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING Thursday, May 14, 2020 Meeting
Via Zoom Call Online

5:00 PM

ATTENDANCE: Present: *In attendance via Zoom, due to COVID-19 precautions:* Jesse Kreitzer, Select Board Chair; Julia von Ranson, Vice Chair; Aaron Betts, Member; David Elliott, Road Foreman; Winslow Tudor, Town Resident; Amy Tudor, Town Resident; and Lauren MacArthur, Select Board Assistant.

CALL TO ORDER: Jesse Kreitzer, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

Changes to the agenda: *Lister Extension Form* added to “New Business”, *Update from Campus Working Group* added to “Old Business”, *Letter from Marlboro College* added to “Mail and Information”

There was no unscheduled public comment.

SCHEDULED BUSINESS:

David Elliott, Road Foreman, and the Select Board reviewed paving bids for the resurfacing project of paved sections of Higley Hill Road. David has reached out to solicit bids from the following businesses: Springfield Paving, VT Roadworks, Arlington Paving, Bazin Brothers, Lain, Peckham Industries, J. Hutchins Paving, Fuller Sand and Gravel, Wilk Paving, Inc., Pike Industries, Mitchell Excavating, Dave Manning Excavation, and O'Brien Paving. Bids were submitted by Allstate Asphalt, Inc., VT RoadWorks, LLC, and Bazin Brothers. Allstate Asphalt submitted the bid with the lowest price/ton at \$68.40/ton at 2900 tons with a total estimate of \$198,360 for the project. (The bid from VT Roadworks was \$76.35/ton at 2909 tons with a total of \$222,102 and Bazin Brothers had a \$70.50/ton price for 2750 tons with a total price of \$193,875). The Select Board voted to accept the bid from Allstate Asphalt based on the lowest price per ton.(Kreitzer, Betts)

Winslow Tudor joined the Select Board and David Elliott to discuss the Beaver Deceiver installation on North Pond Road. Winslow and Seth Tudor had also submitted a letter of concern to the Select Board, stating their opposition to the installation of the Beaver Deceiver. Winslow stated that his family enjoys canoeing on the pond and he thinks things are going well currently and that the wetland has helped to absorb water during times of flooding in the past.

Aaron reported that he had asked Skip Lisle, President of Beaver Deceivers to hold off on the project, but there hasn't been more communication since then, nor had there been clarification of alternate plans (such as a fence once proposed by Skip) or follow-up on a site visit, as requested by the Select Board.

David stated that the Road Crew opens up the culvert on that site once or twice a week and that the water level has risen in recent history and is now level with the road. Lowering the water table would be ideal from the Road Crew perspective. David mentioned that Beaver Solutions, LLC of Southampton, MA had been installing a beaver deceiver at the Colonel Williams Inn and perhaps could offer another opinion.

The Select Board decided not to install the Beaver Deceiver on North Pond Road and will continue to monitor the situation and continue discussions with David Elliott and interested parties to achieve the best and least-intrusive solution. (Kreitzer, von Ranson)

Winslow Tudor left the meeting and Amy Tudor joined the rest of the meeting.

The Select Board asked David about the current two-way radio system used by the Road Crew. They use “Town radio” and can get along with it, communicating truck-to-truck. Jesse will check with Allan McClane, the town Communication Coordinator about possibly doing 2-week free trial with an

upgraded system.

The Select Board approved minutes from the regular Select Board meeting on 4/23/20. (Kreitzer, von Ranson)

OLD BUSINESS:

The Select Board discussed current COVID-19 situation management in Marlboro. Forrest issued a statement about the Town Office remaining closed and means of communication for town business.

The Select Board approved a date change to the Facility Use Agreement for the Town Park for the wedding of Ariel Poster and Alexandro Ramirez. The wedding has been postponed to June 26, 2021 due to the current pandemic.

Marlboro's Local Emergency Management Plan has been submitted by Jay Sparks, EMD, and is being reviewed by the state.

The Planning Commission discussed the expansion of town cemeteries at their recent meeting, but had not yet reported back to the Select Board.

Jesse reported that the Marlboro College Campus Working Group (CWG) worked with real estate professionals and reached out to the community to solicit offers and proposals and will be making a formal recommendation to the Marlboro College Board of Trustees by early May. The final decision about which offer or proposals to accept will be made by the College's Board of Trustees. He anticipates that a final decision will be made and announced by the Board by end of May. All members of the CWG are required to keep information and any discussions and decisions confidential, and none of the members will be available for any kind of public comment or interview to ensure that the process proceeds in a fair and productive way. Jesse has compiled all the minutes from the Campus Working Group and has posted them to Facebook's Marlboro News, Weather and Hearsay group. They can also be viewed [here](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ZpbGh0F2HvbDpfpGyyiDi7HPRaTddu2jgusVFjdeWB0/edit#gid=481001496):

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ZpbGh0F2HvbDpfpGyyiDi7HPRaTddu2jgusVFjdeWB0/edit#gid=481001496>.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Select Board approved a letter of support from The Town of Marlboro for the BDCC's grant application to the Economic Development Administration to fund a new small business development and support initiative, Emerge.

The Select Board will consider the improvement of the town website at a future meeting, especially considering making minutes searchable by topic and digitizing more documents.

The Select Board will e-sign the Municipal Resolution Amendment Form tomorrow. This updates Marlboro's information for the Municipal Planning Grant (used for wastewater planning).

The Muster Field lease has been updated, but will just be signed when new lease-holder is found. Jesse will contact Geof Dolman to discuss options moving forward.

The extension form for the Listers was signed by Jesse Kreitzer. The extension allows the Listers extra time to complete this year's Grand List.

INFORMATION ITEMS AND MAIL:

Julia and Forrest both completed the online Economic Mitigation and Recovery Task Force Outreach Survey.

The Select Board acknowledged receipt of daily COVID-19 Situation Reports by Vermont Emergency

Management.

The Select Board has asked The Marlboro Bread's pop-up bakery to move from the Town Office porch and it appears to have been moved.

Jesse will reach out to the School Board to see if they are in need of any support from the Select Board at this time.

The Select Board received the attached letter from Marlboro College. The Select Board will request a cc list and will make sure that the BDCC receives a copy, if they have not already. The Select Board will also ask how many of these staff and faculty members with affected jobs are Marlboro residents. The Select Board discussed how the Town can support these families.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38pm. Respectfully Submitted, Lauren MacArthur, Assistant to the Select Board