

## TOWN OF MARLBORO REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING

Thursday, June 11, 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 and Pam Burke, Selectboard Assistant in Training and Lauren MacArthur, Select Board Assistant.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Jesse Kreitzer, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

**Changes to the Agenda:** Excess weight limit permits

Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting on 5/28/20; Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting on 6/4/20; Approval of Select Board Report for the July/August Issue of The Marlboro Mixer (Kreitzer, VonRanson)

Approval and Signature of Pay Orders - Because of COVID-19 precautions, Jesse went to the Town Office 6/11 to approve & sign pay orders.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **COVID-19 Situation Management**

**Green River Marathon Question:** The Select Board received an email from Tom Raffensperger, Co-Race Director of the New England Green River Marathon, looking for input on whether or not to hold the race this year because of COVID-19. He has concerns about hosting a large gathering, and no one knows if social distancing restrictions will loosen by August. Jesse will respond and indicate that it's not likely that the Selectboard would support the event, but they should keep abreast of Governor's COVID-19 guidelines.

**In-Person Meetings:** The Selectboard discussed the possibility of holding in-person municipal meetings. The Town Office is still closed to the public and the Selectboard recommends to continue holding meetings virtually. The Marlboro Conservation Commission expressed an interest in holding meetings publicly to be able to easily review and share printed materials. The Selectboard recommends that all committees try to digitize their materials prior to the meeting and use screen-sharing capabilities. If this is not feasible, the committees may

consider hosting meetings outside, or possible in the Town House, to allow for social distancing, and encourage the public to participate via Zoom.

**Energy Coordinator Position** The Selectboard will continue to brainstorm and do outreach to find Energy Coordinator candidates.

**Marlboro College Closure/Democracy Builders Transition** According to a recent *The Commons* article, the sale of the college campus has not been finalized yet. The Selectboard plans to invite Seth Andrews, CEO & Founder of Democracy Builders, to a special forum to discuss the school and find ways to support one another.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Excess Weight Limit Permit:** The Select Board approved the excess weight permit for New England Quality Service, Inc. with the exception of using Higley Hill as a thruway to Dover or Wilmington.

**Advancing Racial Equity in Marlboro:** The Select Board reviewed VLCT's Municipal Action Guide: (<https://nlc.informz.net/informzdataservice/onlineversion/ind/bWFpbGluZ2luc3RhbmNlaWQ9Mjk4MTc2OCZzdWJzY3JpYmVyaWQ9MzcyOTE3OTQ1>). The Selectboard discussed Vermont's high rate of incarceration of black people. Why? Data is hard to get a hold of in rural places. The Select Board will ask the Windham County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) & Vermont State Police (VSP) what they are doing to address racial equity, bias, and de-escalation. The Select Board would like to be concrete and advocate for specific changes. Jesse will draft a letter to the WCSO and VSP. Pam will research state and local organizations addressing systemic racism that the town could become a member of. The Select Board will submit a statement to the Marlboro Mixer.

**Google Docs/Google Drive Select Board Document Storage** The Selectboard discussed the need to make minutes searchable online. To make this possible, Pam Burke will upload the minutes to Google drive and embed them into the town website. This project is limited to the past four years of minutes & other selectboard materials.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS AND MAIL**

**Dog Bite Incident Report from ACO** - The Selectboard received word from Animal Control Office Peggy Tiffany that a towns person was bit severely enough by a stray dog that he had to go to the ER. The grey and white pitbull was found running in the road between South Newfane and Williamsville and was brought to the towns person's home in Marlboro. The dog ran off after the incident and has not been captured to see if it is up-to-date on its rabies shots.

The ACO posted asking for information on the Marlboro News & Hearsay and Brattleboro Dogs Facebook groups, and the South Newfane Bulletin Board. She wrote the town clerk of Newfane to see if they have any dogs licensed that meet its description. She wrote WCHS with the details in case the dog gets brought there.

The dog is still on the run. The Selectboard is very concerned about the incident and urges community members to be on the lookout for a grey & white pitbull running loose. Please do not try to engage with the dog but call Animal Control Officer: Peggy Tiffany (home) 348-7479; (text) 579-7109; (email) [ACOMarlboro@gmail.com](mailto:ACOMarlboro@gmail.com).

**Muster Field Lease** - Geof Dolman is finding someone to take over the lease of the Muster Field and will be in touch with the Selectboard. If no one has signed the lease before the Fair, the Selectboard will need to get the field mowed.

The Select Board acknowledged receipt of the "Community Support and Local Action Team: Interim Report to the Governor" based on survey results from around the state. Marlboro participated in the survey.

The transition of the Select Board Assistant position from Lauren to Pam was discussed. This is Lauren's last meeting.

Forrest forwarded the property tax timeline that has changed due to COVID-19.

**Adjourned at 6:13 pm.**