

MINUTES

Town Of Marlboro
Regular Select Board Meeting
Thursday, October 8, 2020
5pm Zoom Call Online

ATTENDANCE: Present: *In attendance via Zoom, due to COVID-19 precautions:* Jesse Kreitzer, Select Board Chair; Julia von Ranson, Vice Chair; Aaron Betts, Member; Pam Burke, Select Board Assistant; David Elliot Road Crew; Casey Haynes, Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation; Steven John, Marlboro Committee for Universal Broadband; Colin Bratton, Windham Regional Commission; Allan McLane and Andrea Livermore, members of the public

CALL TO ORDER: 5pm

The minutes of the Regular Meeting Of 9/24//20 were approved (Kreitzer, Betts) and the pay orders signed.

Unscheduled Open Public Comment

There was discussion of the possibility of maintaining a section of Adams Crossroad from Butterfield Rd. to Route 9 during the winter. Andrea and Allan reported that drivers from out of town get diverted there by their GPS and get stuck in the snow. Road Crew Chief Dave Elliot said it would take repeated trips from the plows as snow would regularly drift from the field into the road. The Select Board will take this up in the next meeting.

Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation

Casey Haynes from the BDCC spoke to their funding request of \$3,234 from the town for the year 20/21. This is the same amount the town approved at Town Meeting in 2020. BDCC has been helping with Cares Act money coming to Windham County for COVID related help for small businesses. They've hosted webinars, and helped to keep business owners connected through professional events. He encourages anyone who needs help finding employment due to the closing of Marlboro College to reach out to him directly. If you have any questions or would like to contact the BDCC for assistance, please email Casey at chaynes@brattleborodevelopment.com or visit their website brattleborodevelopment.com.

Windham Regional Commission re: Road Safety Audit

Colin Bratton, Transportation planner for the Windham Regional Commission said they plan to start the traffic study the Select Board requested during the week of October 26th. They will be installing the style of traffic counters that are tubes laid across the road in the town center. They will place a few of these near the Historical Society, Post Office and on South Rd. The counters track speed, time of day and the number of axles on vehicles, as well as basic information about weight.

VTrans is wrapping up road safety audits for this year, so the WRC wouldn't be able to conduct one

in Marlboro until spring. Jean Boardman asked about getting a Moover stop in the center of town. Colin said he will bring it to the attention of SEVT transit. Colin's email address is cbratton@windhamregional.org if you'd like to contact him with any further questions or concerns.

VCRD Mediated Town Forum

The Select Board requested support from the Vermont Council on Rural Development in creating a town/gown committee. They have replied that they are quite busy overseeing economic recovery efforts state-wide and let us know they are not able to support us at this time. The Select Board's request and their response can be read on the Select Board's website.

Steven John, Marlboro Committee for Universal Broadband and DVFiber

The Windham Regional Commission has rolled out their Broadband Business Plan that will now be used to guide the implementation of broadband fiber throughout the Deerfield Valley Communications Union District, of which Marlboro is a part. For more information about DVCUD visit, <https://dvfiber.org/>

Steven John reports that the plan is sustainable and financially viable and will help to supply all locations within the Deerfield Valley Communications Union District with high speed internet over the next few years, at no cost to taxpayers.

The plan, and more information, can be read at windhamregional.org/broadband

Information Items And Mail

The Select Board received a quote from American Rock Salt, David will follow up

The Select Board entered Executive Session at 6:19 to discuss a personnel matter and a Public Records Request related to a criminal assault and law enforcement issue. The Executive Session ended and the meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm.