

Minutes
TOWN OF MARLBORO
SELECT BOARD MEETING
Thursday, September 24, 2020
5pm via Zoom Teleconference

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 & Andrew Richardson, Road Crew; Lauren MacArthur, Lindy Corman, Maggie Smith, Peggy Howard, members of the public

CALL TO ORDER: 5:01

The minutes of the Regular Select Board Meeting Of 9/10//20 and the Special Public Hearing Of 9/20/20, were approved and the pay orders have been signed. (Kreitzer, VonRanson)

Unscheduled Open Public Comment

Andrew Richardson has been investigating the possibility of a parking area near the entrance to South Pond for parking for folks who access the pond in the winter months, and received a quote for the work. He has received notice from the Ames Hill Association that they are not interested in providing space for the parking area. Andrew had to leave the meeting due to an emergency call, but will contact the Select Board regarding anything further on this matter.

Public Comment Re: Vermont State Police Request for Police Reform Input

Lauren MacArthur spoke of the restorative justice system that currently exists in Vermont and encourages the State Police to make use of it. The Select Board asks anyone else who would like to provide feedback to the State Police to put their input in writing and send it to marlboroselectboard@gmail.com within the next two weeks.

Road Foreman David Elliot, Town Highway Right of Way Inquiry

The Vermont Agency of Transportation is currently developing plans for Wilmington-Brattleboro NH 2971(1). This project entails the resurfacing of VT route 9 from Wilmington, VT to Brattleboro, VT. South Road (TH-3) is in the project area and they sought the Select Board's input regarding the right of way that the Town of Marlboro would like to claim. The Select Board replied "Lacking sufficient evidence, the municipality of Marlboro VT claims a statutory 3 rod right of way" for TH-3.

Sand Bids

The Town received two bids from contractors for winter road sand. Zaluzny's bid is \$16 delivered and \$10 picked up. Cersosomo's is \$12 delivered and \$8.25 picked up. The Select Board votes to award Cersosomo the winter sand bid. (Kreitzer, von Ranson)

Marlboro Community Center HVAC Grant

The application for the Vermont Community Development Program Implementation Grant to install HVAC and CDC-approved ventilation systems at the Marlboro Community Center is complete and submitted. The State has appointed James Brady to assist with the environmental review portion of

the grant process.

Pedestrian Safety in Town Center

Marc Pickering of VTrans strongly advised against speed bumps because the town would be liable for any damage to cars. They also create noise and the town would have to install & maintain additional signage. David reported that speed bumps recently installed in a Brattleboro neighborhood didn't work well, and the people who requested them originally requested that they be removed early.

The Select Board voted to request a VTrans road safety audit for South Rd and Town Center. The comprehensive report will include recommendations to increase pedestrian safety. (Kreitzer, von Ranson)

The Select Board also voted to request a traffic study for South Road/Town Center from the Windham Regional Commission, which may include a crosswalk/sidewalk feasibility study. (Kreitzer, Betts) The study will identify peak travel times, which may be relayed to the VSP and Windham County Sheriff's Department.

Information Items And Mail

1. Elias Wilder, Right of Way Agent, Town Highway Right of Way Inquiry
See above
2. Jay Sparks' report of the Rescue INC Town Meeting from 9/17/2020
In short, Rescue Inc is in good financial standing, and has not requested increased rates, though they lack of volunteers. The Select Board encourages townspeople to volunteer.
Will post his whole response as a link
3. Maggie Smith, Peggy Howard, Speeding and Trucking Complaint on Augur Hole Road
The Select Board will ask the Windham County Sheriff's department how often they patrol Augur Hole and if they could they patrol it more often. The Select Board will speak with the DMV about the possibility of enforcing truck weight limits. The Select Board is pursuing a grant to install up to four SMART radar signs, which will help to collect more data on the Class-2 roads (South Road, Ames Hill, Augur Hole & Higley Hill). Jesse will bring these ideas to the October 20th site visit with the Windham County Sheriff.
4. Field & Sons Transportation, Inc. Excess Weight Permit
The request is for one-time road access to a 6-axle tractor trailer of 65,000 pounds.
Request approved. (Kreitzer, Betts)

Adjourn 5:55pm (Kreitzer, Betts)