

MINUTES
Town Of Marlboro
Regular Select Board Meeting
Thursday, October 22, 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 and Andrew Richardson, Road Crew; Sheriff Mark Anderson, Windham County Sheriff's Office; Allan McLane and Andrea Livermore, members of the public.

CALL TO ORDER: 5:01 pm

The minutes of the Regular Meeting Of 10/08//20 were approved (Kreitzer, Betts) and the pay orders signed.

Sheriff Mark Anderson, Windham County Sheriff's Office

The Sheriff and Select Board were not able to complete the South Rd site visit as scheduled. The grants haven't fully been awarded yet. When the grant is awarded, the Sheriff's department will buy four radar feedback signs that mount to sign poles and can stay up year round. The signs will rotate throughout different towns in the county. Jesse asked the Sheriff about complaints the Select Board has received of heavy trucks on our class 2 roads. The Sheriff said that the town could buy scales which are expensive. They would also have to be staffed with trained staff from the sheriff's department. Right now, no one at the department is trained to use the scales. The sheriff's dept might be able to help towns come together to purchase scales, which are mobile.

Winter maintenance of the section of Adams Crossroad from Butterfield Rd. to Route 9

Andrea said that the problem of people getting stuck in the snow on this section of road that is not plowed usually only happens in the early and late parts of the season when there is not a large snow pile at the end of the road. Their GPS routes them that way, and they ignore the sign that says the road is not maintained in the winter. David advocated for continuing to post that it's closed and not plowing this section of the road. David said that since there are no houses on the section, it's not worth the money it would take to maintain. Snow drifts onto the road from the bordering fields, and that the road is down in a hollow, making it hard to get rid of the snow. Andrea suggested the sign could say "Road closed for the season. Road not plowed." to get across the idea that people should not go down the road. Jesse suggested collecting data over this winter and revisit the conversation in the spring.

November and December and January Select Board Meeting Schedule

The upcoming Select Board meeting schedule has been changed to accommodate holidays. Regular Select Board meetings will take place on November 12th, December 3rd and 17th, January 14th and 28th.

Town-wide Services Forum

The idea of holding a town-wide Services Forum has been postponed indefinitely due to lack of interest and will be revisited at a later date. (Kreitzer, Von Ranson)

Information Items And Mail

Forrest emailed that the town applied for and was granted funds through the CTCL Covid Grant for Election related purchases for Town House.

Household Hazardous Waste collection events are happening in Brattleboro and Wilmington on Oct 24.

VTrans is working on a Corridor Management Plan for Route 9 between VT-279 in Bennington and I-91 in Brattleboro and is collecting information from businesses, residents, workers and travelers about needs and concerns along the roadway. The meeting will be online on Thursday, December 3, 2020 6:30pm – 8pm. Visit the link below for more information and to register.

The Select Board received a Call for Letters of Interest to all communities in the Windham Region, who may be interested in developing a Brownfields Area-wide Plan for their downtown or village center. The Area-wide Plan will be funded through a Windham Regional Commission (WRC) Brownfields Assessment Grant from the Environmental Protection Agency. The Select Board passed this information onto the Planning Commission.

The Select Board received information on the VTrans Public Transit Mobility and Transportation Innovations Grant Announcement and passed this information onto the Planning Commission.

The Select Board received notification that Bennet Grout is stepping down from the Planning Commission and thanks Bennet for his service to the town.

There are many grant opportunities for funding for projects and the Select Board would welcome any assistance in applying and searching for grants.

Adjourn 6pm