

Minutes
Town Of Marlboro
Regular Select Board Meeting
Thursday, November 12, 2020
5pm Zoom Call Online

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; Andrew Richardson, Road Crew; Allan McLane E911 Coordinator; Susanne Shapiro, Town Health Officer; Samantha Snow, attorney; Diana Todd, Hogback Mountain Conservation Association

The meeting was called to order at 5:02

The minutes of the Regular Meeting Of 10/22//20 were approved (Kreitzer, Betts) and the pay orders signed.

New road

Marlboro Heights is a new road with two house sites off of Higley Hill Rd. before the Wilmington town line. A second new road will be a private road off of Marlboro Heights Rd. Allan McLane spoke to the layout of the development and the need for a new road. Samantha Snow, attorney for the landowner, stated that to avoid confusion, the land owner was willing to change the suggested name from Gorbecki Heights to Gobercki Drive. Andrew Richardson wanted to make sure the new roads were updated on maps for the fire company. Allan said there is a new map in the works with the WRC and will be available soon. Allan McLane will map this private road into the State's 911 database and assign two numbers to the two house sites.

The Select Board voted to create a private road called Gorbecki Drive off of Marlboro Heights and that Alan work through 911 protocols to assign proper house numbers. (Kreitzer, Von Ranson)

Susanne Shapiro, Town Health Officer

Susanne Shapiro stated that the first she had heard about the positive COVID-19 case in Marlboro was through Facebook on Sunday, and that there is no policy that the State must alert the town Health Officer of any cases. The State Health Department handles all reported cases and concerned citizens should contact the state COVID-19 hotline with questions. The hotline number is 802-863-7240. The State's COVID-19 website is here: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19> Susanne understands that people are asking for more information, but doesn't have it to share. Julia will reach out to the School Board to ask if we can open up a channel of communication between the school and the town. Susanne expressed concern for the school community and knows how stressful it must be for them at this time.

Town Meeting Warning / Request for Funds

Based on a request from BDCC/SeVEDS, there was a brief discussion concerning changing the way

the town votes on BDCC/SeVEDS funding. Because this is one of the largest expenditures that the town votes on at Town Meeting, it was decided that maintaining it as a separate article is the best practice.

The Select Board voted that the 2021 funding request from BDCC/SeVEDS should remain a separate funding article on the town meeting warning in 2021. (Von Ranson, Betts) (Kreitzer abstained).

The Select Board voted to add the Green Mountain RSVP Appropriations Request to the Town Meeting Warning (Kreitzer, Betts).

Hogback Facilities Use Agreement for Forest Study Project

Marlboro School Junior High teacher Jesslyn Mullet filed a facilities use agreement for a long term forest plot study to be conducted on Hogback by the Junior High. They will be marking plots with pvc pipe and tracking carbon in the area. Jessie spoke with Mike Purcell of the Hogback Preservation Committee and they recommend that the project be approved. Diana Todd from the Hogback Mountain Conservation Association also spoke in favor of the project. The Select Board voted to approve the facilities use agreement (Kreitzer, Betts).

Town Survey

Town Clerk Forest Holzapfel suggested questions for a survey to be sent to townspeople. The Select Board voted to approve a townwide digital survey using Forest's suggestions, and to refine and finalize the draft of the survey at a future meeting. (Kreitzer, Betts). Pam will start a draft of the survey and send it to the select board.

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

Allan McLane collected data on both Butterfield and Adams Cross Rd. with a trail camera. An average of 123 vehicles travelled daily on Butterfield Rd. and 75 on Adams Cross Rd. Jesse Kreitzer thanked Allan for collecting the data and stated he thinks the data shows that the town should maintain the road during the winter. The discussion was tabled until a further meeting when Road Crew Chief David Elliot is in attendance.

Traffic Data from Allan McLane

Windham Regional Commission Town Center Traffic Study Results

The WRC has completed the Marlboro Village Traffic Study and shared their findings. Counters were placed at two locations, both within the 25 mph zone in the village, both on South Rd., one in front of the Historical Society, and another between Ames Hill Road and the Fire Station. The counters took data for six days, from Thursday October 22nd, to Tuesday the 27th. The data can be viewed at the links below. In short, the WRC finds that speeding in the town center is an issue. They haven't yet offered any recommendations and they continue to work with the data. The Select Board will take this up when there is a more detailed summary and recommendations.

[South Rd South of Ames Hill Data](#)

[South Rd North of Town Hill Data](#)

Information Items And Mail

- [The Deerfield Valley Communications Union District \(DVCUD, DVFiber\) 2020 Annual Report](#)
- Vermont Temporary Broadband Subsidy Program Several grants are available to VT residents that have been impacted by COVID-19, utilities & broadband bills
- Policing Rates for FY2022 from the Windham County Sheriff's Office remain the same as last year
- Concern about recent Facebook posts re:militias
The Select Board acknowledges receipt of an email from a citizen concerned about a comment on a local Facebook group about militias in Marlboro. Jesse followed up with people who posted and was assured it was a joke. No action necessary. Andrew voiced his concerns with the Facebook group.
- Virtual Grant Writing Workshop from the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation, Nov. 18-20

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05