

**Minutes
Town Of Marlboro
Regular Select Board Meeting
Thursday, January 28, 2021
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, Select Board member; Pam Burke, Select Board Assistant; Megan Littlehales and Bill Young, Vice President and President of Ames Hill Marlboro Community Center, Cowpath 40 Parking Concerns; Andrew Richardson, Road Crew; Forrest Holzapfel, Town Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 5:02pm.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of 1/14/2021 were approved (Kreitzer, Von Ranson) and the pay orders signed.

Finalizing the 2021 Town Meeting Warning & Budget

By law, the ballot for Town Meeting must be mailed to voters by February 10th, 2021. The Town Report deadline is Feb 20th, 2 days before the informational meeting. A special edition of the Mixer will be sent out in mid-February. The Town Website and Town Facebook page as well as Front Porch Forum will also be used to inform the public on ballot issues and budgets.

There is a request for \$50,000.00 from the Marlboro Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. for apparatus replacement funding that is new to the ballot this year, but most of the other items to be voted on have not changed considerably since last year.

A motion was made to finalize the 2021 Town Meeting Warning & Budget. The motion was seconded and passed. (Kreitzer, Von Ranson)

The Warning for the Town and School Meetings have been posted to the front page of the town website, along with sample ballots. <https://marlborovt.us/>

There was a brief discussion of how the position of Select Board chair is time consuming and expanding the position might be a good change for the town. A town manager position would require a change to our charter.

Cowpath 40 Parking Concerns

Megan Littlehales and Bill Young, Vice President and President of Ames Hill Marlboro Community Center joined to discuss concerns of people parking on Cowpath 40 to access South Pond. There is concern that emergency vehicles would not be able to access Cowpath 40 when cars are parking on both sides of the road. Andrew Richardson had approached them about creating a parking lot, but they feel that a parking lot might only encourage more year round usage. They noted that usage has increased a good deal this year, during the pandemic. The AHMCC wants to encourage reforestation on the log landing that Andrew suggested plowing out as a lot, and believes a parking lot would also be unsightly. The Select Board feels it is in

everyone's interest to avoid a dangerous situation, and wants to work together to create a solution.

If the town were to install a no-parking sign, it could not be enforced without a town ordinance and a police dept, but it was agreed that some signage might help. The roadway into South Pond is jointly maintained by the State and the Ames Hill Marlboro Community Center, but not plowed during the winter. Their priority is conservation. Asking people to all park on the same side of the road would help. Julia lives near the corner and said that there are usually 6-8 cars parked there daily and agrees it is a problem. Andrew asked about plowing into the log landing on the pond road, Bill replied that it could damage the road too much and create too many problems. It was plowed last year because of the logging that was happening. Megan replied it would be expensive and is not a viable solution.

There was discussion of installing a sign simply asking people to park on one side. Widening the road slightly, or plowing it wider might also help the situation and these ideas will be shared with Dave Elliot.

Casella Recycling Contract

The Select Board received a letter from Casella stating that the town's cost to haul recycling is increasing by \$390 per load effective in Feb 2021. This is a very expensive increase. In a conversation with their representative they suggested shutting down the town recycling center. The Select Board is seeking quotes from other third party haulers. The Board will take this issue up again at our next meeting.

Town Cemetery Expansion tabled until we have input from Pieter Van Loon and Paul Gillies about the potential of the town deeding over a parcel of land to the cemetery.

Info Items and Mail

The Select Board received a letter from Lucy Gratwick, stepping down from the Senior Solutions Representative position. The Board thanks Lucy for her many years of serving in that role. The Board will send out a call for a new representative after Town Meeting.

Jesse has downloaded the 2021 Agency of Transportation Mileage Certificate will pass on to David to fill it out.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 (Kreitzer,Betts)