

Minutes  
Town Of Marlboro  
Regular Select Board Meeting  
Thursday, January 14, 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; David Elliott, Andrew Richardson, Leon Knapp, Road Crew; Lauren Poster, Marlboro Community Center; Collin Bratton Windham Regional Commission; Forrest Holzapfel, Town Clerk; Jean Boardman, member of the public

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

The minutes of the Regular Meeting Of 12/17/20 and 12/29/2020 were approved (Kreitzer, Von Ranson) and the pay orders signed.

### **Collin Bratton WRC Marlboro Village Traffic Study [Summary](#)**

Collin Bratton from the Windham Regional Commission discussed the data and his summary report from their Traffic Study of Marlboro Town Center. In short, the majority of drivers coming into the town center are speeding. In particular, speeding is an issue between 7 -10 a.m. and 3-7 p.m. Collin suggests seeing what VTrans recommends for traffic calming improvements after they complete their traffic safety audit in the spring. He also offered to come back with ideas to a future meeting. There is a good deal of discussion in rural areas like ours about calming traffic. The Select Board will share his report with the Planning Commission and post it on the town's website.

Collin said that there is funding available for creating more pedestrian friendly public spaces if the community would like to look into things like sidewalks, bike lanes, etc. He did not believe the town would not be held responsible for any damage to cars from speed bumps, if installed.

Jean pointed out that traffic has been greatly reduced during the pandemic since there aren't many people travelling to the college.

### **Town Meeting 2021, Changes Due to Pandemic**

The Select Board discussed the Town Meeting Warning and Pam is working on a draft for legal review. David asked if voters would be able to amend any articles. The Australian Ballot system, adopted for this year only due to COVID-19, does not allow this. Motion to hold the Informational Hearings on February 22 (town), February 23 (school board 6pm) and rescind the previous set date. Informational Hearings Schedule; (K, Betts) Forest will send this out to the media outlets.

### **Funding requests for Town Meeting 2021**

The Marlboro Volunteer Fire Company submitted two funding request to appear on the 2021

ballot:

1. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend \$35,000 to the Marlboro Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. to help defray operating expenses.
2. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend \$50,000 to the Marlboro Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. for apparatus replacement funding.

The Marlboro Community Center submitted a funding request to appear on the ballot:

To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend \$2,000 to the Marlboro Community Center in support of its mission to support, nurture, and enrich the Marlboro Community through its programs.

The Select Board invites these and any other organizations requesting funding from the town to attend the Informational Meeting on February 22, 2021.

### **Parking on Ames Hill/Cowpath 40**

People parking on Cowpath 40 to access South Pond trails are creating a potential safety hazard by impeding emergency vehicle access. Forest received a complaint from a Brattleboro resident who had parked on Cowpath 40 near the entrance to South Pond and found a rude note on their car. Andrew stated that he did leave a few notes on people's cars but did not leave a note using the language that was detailed in the complaint. Andrew stated that the Ames Hill Association board is not interested in making parking available on their property. If the town were to establish a 'No Parking' ordinance, it must be implemented townwide. Julia said she would be in favor of a no-parking ordinance. Forest said we do not have a police dept so that also brings up the question of enforcement. There was discussion about potentially installing signage without an ordinance. The Select Board will see if a member of the Ames Hill Association Board will attend a future meeting to discuss this issue in the near future.

### **King Cemetery Site Visit Recap**

The Cemetery Committee has identified a potential expansion site at the King Cemetery and a number of contractors came to a preliminary site visit. They want to touch base with Tree Warden Pieter Van Loon and Zoning Administrator Mary Sargent to see if they have any input. Barring any issues, the committee will pursue test pit digging to see if ledge is a problem at the proposed site. If there is, the committee will look at other parcels of land near King Cemetery or Center Cemetery. The town would deed the parcel over to the King Cemetery organization if it turns out to be an appropriate site. The committee feels positive that something will work out. Once the committee has a dollar amount they will bring a request to the town for funding. David stated that there is a part of the existing cemetery that hasn't been used and asked why not. Jesse answered that in order to use it, the town would have to demolish and rebuild a stone wall and nearby root structures would make it very costly and challenging to rebuild.

### **Info Items and Mail**

BDCC & SeVEDS Info Sessions are being held where BDCC staff members will provide updates on programs and projects made possible through SeVEDS strategic planning, research and investment. Interested parties can register and share questions in advance.

*Tuesday, January 26th, 530-7 pm*

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEqcO6tpj8iGddBO\\_\\_MutpzYrk0s2OfY0uJ](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEqcO6tpj8iGddBO__MutpzYrk0s2OfY0uJ)

*Friday, February 12th, 530-7 pm*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAoceyurzwsE9Rge6DPi4UGbq-5uuLa5kgG>

*Monday, February 22nd, 530-7 pm*

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwkcu2urzkvGdaby1c9Vhf-\\_E1SzmfskijS](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwkcu2urzkvGdaby1c9Vhf-_E1SzmfskijS)

*More information at:*

<https://brattleborodevelopment.com/seveds-bdcc-2021-information-sessions/>

### **Executive Session**

Jesse moved to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. (Kreitzer, Von Ranson) The motion passed. The Board entered executive session 6:29. The Board exited Executive Session at 7:01 pm and the meeting was adjourned.