

**Minutes  
Town Of Marlboro  
Regular Select Board Meeting  
Thursday, February 25, 2021  
5 pm 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; Lauren Poster, Marlboro Community Center; Sue Burt, Member of the Public

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 pm.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of 2/11/2021 were approved (Kreitzer, Von Ranson) and the pay orders were signed.

This was Jesse's last meeting on the Select Board. He shared that he is still planning on helping with any loose ends that need to be tied up with the VCDP Implementation Grant and the cemetery expansion project. He also shared that he feels our town governance model doesn't seem practical anymore. He suggested that a town manager could better manage projects and seek funding. There are many different organizations and portals that need to be navigated, and work that needs to be done during the day which is difficult for a Board made up of people who work full time in other positions.

**Deerfield River Watershed Association possible designation as a National Wild and Scenic River**

The Board unanimously voted to support the effort to designate eligible segments of the Deerfield River and its tributaries as a National Wild and Scenic River. [Link to letter.](#) (Kreitzer, Von Ranson)

**Parking crunch in the Town Center**

The Select Board has received some complaints from residents concerning lack of parking in the town center. It seems that more people are accessing the ski trails and parking in the town center, rather than on the college campus. The Marlboro Nordic Ski Club Board is considering holding a forum for their members and will encourage them to park in the designated parking on the campus rather than at the Post Office. They also may install temporary sandwich board signage in Town Center. The Town Clerk has also proposed using the Town Office's digital sign. Jesse suggested that the Select Board consider designating certain spaces in the town center for access to the Post Office, Community Center, and Town Office only, possibly setting a time limit. No parking restrictions are enforceable in Marlboro Town, however, without a town parking ordinance.

There might be space to expand parking space in the Town Center. The Select Board will revisit the topic when the review from the expected WRC safety audit has been released in the spring.

**License and Permit**

The Select Board voted to accept the Second Class Liquor License renewals for the Hogback

Mountain Gift Shop (Kreitzer, Von Ranson) and an Outside Consumption Permit for Beer Naked Brewery (Kreitzer, Von Ranson)

### **Casella Recycling Contract, Increasing Costs**

Casella is raising their rates per haul. Currently, Marlboro's recycling is hauled by Casella to their facility in Rutland. Tam has been absorbed by Casella, they are now the same business. The town is no longer paid for cardboard, which helped offset costs in the past. Aaron spoke with Ty Gibbons who has worked on recycling in the past for Marlboro as well as Select Board members from Halifax and Brookline who have recycling situations similar to Marlboro. Halifax uses Casella and their Board will be discussing the rate increases at an upcoming meeting. Halifax installed cameras at their recycling center and they think it helped with dumping. There is a hefty penalty if the bin is contaminated. Ty still checks on the bins regularly to keep them uncontaminated, thank you, Ty!

Triple T offers single-stream recycling. Brookline uses Triple T and have been very happy with their service. Triple T charges \$210 per haul plus \$134 per ton. Casella is raising their haul fee from \$170 to \$390. Judging by our recent bills, this could be an increase of around \$920 per month. Triple T would still be an increase to us but not as much, possibly close to \$300 per month. Triple T's single-stream service would still give us two boxes, but materials would not have to be separated.

The question remains if we could find a third-party hauler. Aaron will contact the WSWMD to see if they have any suggestions. No decisions were made at this time.

### **Info Items and Mail**

The Select Board received a Certificate of Public Good from Verizon who would like to add cell antennas to the already existing 130' monopole owned by VTel on Hogback behind the Brewery on Old Hogback Road.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm