

**Minutes  
Town Of Marlboro  
Regular Select Board Meeting  
Thursday, April 8, 2021  
5 pm Zoom Call Online**

Present: *In attendance via Zoom, due to COVID-19 precautions:* Julia von Ranson, Select Board Chair; Aaron Betts, Vice-Chair; Jim Agate, Select Board member; Pam Burke, Select Board Assistant; Raif Southworth, Marlboro Fire Department; David Elliot, Road Crew Chief; Lisa Hecht, Mary Sargent members of the public

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm.

The minutes from March 25th were approved. (Von Ranson, Betts) and the Pay Orders signed.

A liquor license was approved for Smokin J's Market & Deli (Von Ranson, Betts).

A Facilities Use Agreement for Marlboro Town Park, August 21st, 2021 was approved. (Von Ranson, Betts)

**Road conditions/Mud Season**

Things have dried up and things are quite a bit better. Mary asked why delivery trucks drive on roads when the road is marked closed. David replied that the roads are not legally closed, the signs are more of an advisory.

**Recycling Roll-Off Container Loan Termination/Bin Purchase**

Aaron shared more information he had compiled. Triple T would have to have boxes made up for us, and would lease them to us at an added cost of \$180.00 per month for 2 years. With Goodenough the town of Marlboro would buy the two bins we have now and they would swap them out. Aaron did a comparison based on the numbers we have. He estimated that over the course of three months, Goodenough would charge approximately \$3,841, Triple T \$5,700, and Casella \$7,082.

Aaron will follow up with Goodenough with a few questions.

**King Cemetery Expansion, Next Steps**

Forrest is in touch with contractors and waiting for conditions to dry up so they can come out to view the site.

**Open Meeting Law and questions concerning the Marlboro Fire Department**

Raif Southworth, from the board of the Marlboro Fire Department joined the discussion. He said the Marlboro Fire Department was set up as a 504c non-profit corporation in 1948. Non-profits are governed by their boards and are not bound by open meeting laws. Lisa Hecht said she would

like to see the town vote on having our funding to the fire department contingent on them following open meeting laws. It was noted that another way the fire department could provide more transparency would be to allow the town auditors to conduct an audit of the fire department. Raif said he'd have to ask the board. David Elliot brought up the fact that the board changed their bylaws which means that the townspeople don't vote on the board. Julia asked Raif who is on the board now. Raif said the board members are Raif Southworth, Ann Bartlet, and Norman Peters. Three board members have left in the past one and a half years. Raif said they were doing due diligence during this state of transition. The public is welcome to attend board meetings, but meetings are happening on the phone now because of the pandemic. Aaron said that a little communication with the town would alleviate concerns. Lisa asked if a representative from the Fire Department might come to a Select Board meeting regularly. Julia said that would be welcome, but not enforceable. Raif will bring that idea to the board. It was noted that Raif's family has always been very supportive of Marlboro and his parents are missed and that his time and work are very much appreciated.

Note: internet connectivity was a challenge in this meeting with some attendees missing parts of the meeting.

### **Info Items and Mail**

The Select Board received multiple emails with concern about the conditions of the roads during the worst of mud season and Julia sent out responses.

Notification of Windham Solid Waste Management District's Backyard Composting Demonstration Site happening on Saturday, May 15, 1:30-3:30 at the WSWMD Transfer Station

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 pm.