

Minutes

Town Of Marlboro Regular Select Board Meeting Thursday, May 13, 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; Nick Morgan, Select Board Assistant; David Elliott-Road Foreman; Tom Raaffensperger-Green River Marathon; Steven John - DV Fiber.

The meeting was called to order at 4:59pm.

Public comment - David spoke here and noted that all the paperwork (annual financial plan for town hiways and that the town has met or beat the state standards) have been completed and just wanted to make sure that this is known and everything gets signed and delivered to District 2 AOT (email is OK).

Steven reported on the Deerfield Valley Communications District (DV Fiber) continuing efforts in the quest for fiber based broadband in the area. DV Fiber is in the midst of several meetings regarding vendors and RFPs to make sure everything continues to move forward. Steven spoke that there has been one time funding out of the Covid bills and the State continues to have funds available. DV Fiber is looking to working on a request for approximately a \$127,000 grant to continue with the process of evaluations and planning. Steven mentioned that as DV Fiber is a not for profit organization broadband connectivity through them could be much cheaper than going through the bigger communication companies. Jim asked about timing and Steven noted that much of the timing is somewhat dependent on the financing and while not within the year, Fiber connectivity is coming.

Minutes from April 25th meeting and pay orders were approved. (von Ranson, Betts, Agate)

- Sign Pay Orders (von Ranson, Betts, Agate)
- Approve Driveway Permits (one on South Road and one on Ames Hill Road) -

New Business

- **Green River Marathon** - Will be held August 29th in early morning (7-8a), five or six school buses will come in and drop off runners at the former Marlboro College campus and then depart. A little cleanup will be done after runners depart and that is about the

total impact of this event. Nick will make postings to Front Porch Forum, Facebook, etc prior to the event in order to advise the community.

- **HR Consultant regarding municipal pay scales and processes** - Forrest has reported to Julia that there is little structure to the pay system for the town. Julia has had experience with an HR consultant (adAptivaHR) in her work for town of Brattleboro, believes the town should standardize it's systems, and believes this consultant could be of assistance. Discussion indicated strong interest in getting a standardized formula. Julia proposed to reaching out adAptivaHR to get preliminary information on costs and timeframe and directed Nick to handle the contact with the adAptivaHR.

- Approval of payment to Linda Peters as FEMA administrator for a total of 54.44 hours at her regular pay rate. Approved (von Ranson, Betts, Agate)

Old Business

- On May 13, 2021, the Marlboro Selectboard approved the expenditure of \$802.50 to the Marlboro Alliance, a CDBG subgrantee of the Town of Marlboro. This expenditure refers to requisition 22020-Marlboro-00044 for the 07110-IG-2020-Marlboro-291 grant to install an HVAC air filtration system at the Marlboro Community Center. Further, Warrant from the Town okaying the expenditure of the funds approval of the Marlboro Alliance invoice for \$29,179. Approved (von Ranson, Betts, Agate)

- Aaron met with Forrest to continue the process regarding the expansion of the King Cemetery.

Info Items and Mail

- MES graduation at Muster Field. MES has signed a use agreement.
- Notification of Cell Tower on Hogback arrived.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 pm.