

Minutes
Town Of Marlboro Regular Select Board Meeting
Thursday, May 27, 2021, 5 pm Zoom Call Online

Present: *In attendance via Zoom, due to COVID-19 precautions:* Aaron Betts, Vice-Chair; Jim Agate, Select Board member; Nick Morgan, Select Board Assistant; Forrest Holzapfel, Town Clerk; Edie Mas, for the Planning Commission; Other attendees: Mike Purcell, Nancy Anderson, Jack Widness, Bob Anderson, Francie Marbury

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

Public comment - Edie Mas (on behalf of the planning commission) brought up the possibility of taking advantage of infrastructure funding to reexamine the potential for a municipal sewer system (100% financing up to \$100,000). Edie noted that a more thorough discussion could take place at the next meeting, to which Aaron requested some time to discuss with Chair Julia and get back to Edie with the board's interest in investigating this further.

- Minutes from the May 13th meeting were approved. (Betts, Agate)
- Pay Orders were approved (Betts, Agate)
- Approve Driveway Permit for Max Ranall on Town Hill Road. (Betts, Agate)

New Business

- Forrest Holzapfel reported on the future sale of 55.8 acres of town owned land off Agur Hole Road. The town has an interested buyer, Woodwise Timberlands LLC, whose property abuts this town owned land. (or any other potentially interested parties)
 - This land was acquired through a tax sale. The land has not been generating any income (tax or otherwise). Woodside approached the town last summer offering \$55,000.
 - When asked by Ms. Mas, Forrest clarified that the land would be used by Woodside to gain access to land they own that abuts this property without having to construct a crossing of the brook.
 - Aaron asked how the proceeds would be used, and Forrest noted that any proceeds from the sale (in excess of expenses) would need to be used for municipal expenses.
 - James questioned whether the sale would generate any tax revenue and Forrest responded in the affirmative.
 - Once the interest was conveyed to the Town Clerk, Forrest investigated with the town's attorney and was advised that a public notice would need to be posted to allow time (30 days) for public comment or petition. This notice would require the board's signatures and Forrest requested that this be accomplished by Tuesday (6/1/21).
 - The board approved moving forward and to issue the public notice. (Betts, Agate)

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- Forrest Holzapfel also brought up Setting a date and issuing a “Warning” to have a Special Town Meeting in which the town votes to convey the Hogback Fund to the associated non-profit Hogback Mountain Conservation Association.
 - Many of the attendees to the meeting were involved with the HMCA and brought up many topics of discussion that need to be addressed and explained to the town prior to a vote at a Special Town Meeting. The questions generally are concerned with how the endowment should be used and administered and how to best use the funds and what costs should be covered by the endowment and what might fall to the town moving forward. Also discussed was possible ways that the endowment funds could be supplemented (i.e. right of way fees from towers).
 - Forrest had suggested the warning for the Special Town Meeting go out on June 15th with the meeting taking place on July 22nd. The Board felt that more information and time to gather that info was needed. Bob Anderson (member of the FAC) said that he would gather data and historical information and get with Forrest to work out more details and provide the Board with the information needed.
 - Sense of the Board was to allow this to proceed and revisit the scheduling of a Special Town Meeting and subsequent “warning” notice once the information was gathered.
- Forrest brought up the King Cemetery and Aaron asked Forrest to move forward with developing a plan for the Board to consider.
- **Recycling Bin Scheduling and Communication** - Aaron asked Nick to coordinate with David Elliot on the timing for the Bin pickups so he can post info on Facebook & Front Porch Forum. Further discussion on the recycling bins concerned the possibility of the town purchasing a third Bin to be used to swap in so there would not be a time when there were not two bins available for the town’s people to drop off their recycling materials. Aaron said he would look into the feasibility of this.
- Approved the reappointment of Susanne Shapiro as the Town Health Official (Betts, Agate).
- **Discussion on Animal Control Parameters** - Due to some technical difficulties, ACO was unable to attend the meeting so this discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

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- **Report on initial conversation with adAptivaHR (Nick)** - Nick held an initial phone conversation with adAptivaHR (Jennifer Jacobs) to discuss the Town's need for a more comprehensive employee plan. Jennifer's initial take on the situation indicates to her about a 10-15 hour project (\$125 per hour). In advance of an actionable proposal (contract) Jennifer requested full job descriptions for all positions involved. Nick noted that he had the Assistant and Road Crew descriptions already and would work to gather and/or write the other descriptions within about a two-three week time frame. Once adAptivaHR has these, Jennifer is confident that she can provide a good plan of action. Jennifer also noted that as part of a project like this, adAptivaHR also looks at other aspects to make sure everything is good (i.e. when to pay overtime, etc.).

Info Items and Mail

- Received packet from Springer Law Office regarding a petition on behalf of T-Mobile.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 pm.