

Minutes

Town Of Marlboro Regular Select Board Meeting

Thursday, October 14, 2021, 6pm @ Town Office & Zoom Call Online

Present: Julia von Ranson, Select Board Chair; Jim Agate, Select Board member; Nick Morgan, Select Board Assistant; Carol Ann Lobo Johnson, Marlboro Fire Department Secretary; Brian Whitehouse, Resident Note: Aaron Betts, Vice-Chair unable to attend this week

The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm.

Identify Any Changes to Agenda – None

Scheduled Business

6:00 – 6:10 Unscheduled Open Public Comment – None

6:10 Approval of Minutes from September 23, 2021 – moved (von Ranson, Agate)

 Passed Unanimously

Signature of Pay Orders – moved (von Ranson, Agate)

 Passed Unanimously

New Business

Approve new private road name Honeycomb Hill

Motion to approve the new road name for private drive – Honeycomb Hill (von Ranson, Agate)

Passed unanimously.

Discussion of Request by Marlboro Fire Department for Town to Sponsor Civic Award

Carol Ann Lobo Johnson, the secretary for the Fire Department attended the meeting to discuss the Department request that the town agree to sponsor the Fire Department for the Civic Volunteer Award program. This sponsorship would entail the town officially putting forward the candidates and should one of the candidates win, be the recipient of the award prize, subsequently distributing it to the Fire Department for their use.

The Board, while greatly supporting the idea of recognizing the contributions of the Fire Dept. volunteers felt strongly that the town could not participate in this way and essentially act as a conduit of funds should a prize be awarded for several reasons, including: the amount of extra work this would place on an already stretched thin financial staff; and the precedent that this would set that the town could act as a conduit for these types of funds in the future. The Board advised Carol Ann that the Board would not be participating in this award program.

Fire Hydrant Repair

The Board took the opportunity to discuss with Carol Ann the Hydrant Repair issue that was brought to the Board's attention. As this repair is obviously necessary that Board is ready to get on top of this. Carol Ann committed to working with Fire Chief Rusty Sage to generate a cost estimate for the repairs and Board Assistant Nick committed to continue his dialogue with Troy Dare of the Rural Fire Protection Program to see what assistance both financial and practical they can provide.

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National Opiate Settlement

The lawsuit concerning Opiates has been finalized and the State has sent out notification of this fact. At this time, it does not seem that the Town of Marlboro has a claim on this settlement, but Nick will be in touch with the town's health officer and the Windham Regional Commission to investigate this issue more thoroughly.

Report on VLCT Virtual Town Fairs

Nick reported back on the virtual sessions held by the VLCT. While some sessions did not apply to Marlboro, there were several sessions that were very informative, especially those on the use of ARPA funds and how to administer them. Nick will be providing a list of links to the presentation decks and video recordings of the sessions to the Board for them to review.

Road Crew: Hiring an additional member

The Board began discussions on the prospects of hiring an additional member for the Road Crew. The general sense of the Board was that this would be a good idea and in discussions with the town treasurer feel that there is sufficient room in the budget to make such a hire should the right candidate be available. The Board will continue to review and analyze this situation in coming meetings before coming to a final decision.

Old Business

Increased hours for Sheriffs in town

At the present time the Board decided it is not necessary to increase the number of patrol hours by the WCSO.

Federal Funds for Flood Resilience Projects

After further investigation, these programs do not apply to the Town of Marlboro, however, Nick has researched other programs/grants that could be used on general road improvements (culverts, crowning, etc.) Nick and the Board will continue to investigate these perhaps generate grant funding.

New Deadline for Initial Report on ARPA Funding to Federal Government

The due date for the first report on the Town's ARPA funds has been moved back from October 2021 to April 2022.

Adjourn – 6:52p