

Minutes

Town Of Marlboro Regular Select Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 23, 2021, 6pm @ Town Office & Zoom Call Online

Present: Julia von Ranson, Select Board Chair; Aaron Betts, Select Board member; Nick Morgan, Select Board Assistant; Mary Sargent, Zoning Administrator; Tim Segar, Planning Commission Chair; William Shakespeare, Patti Smith, Edith Mas (via Zoom), & Matt Tell, Planning Commission members; Leon Knapp, Road Crew member.

Board Member Jim Agate was unable to attend.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

Identify Any Changes to Agenda – Mike Purcell was unable to attend and his item of building removal from Hogback property was moved to 12/9/21 meeting.

Scheduled Business

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

6:10 Approval of Minutes from November 11, 2021 – moved (von Ranson, Betts)

Passed Unanimously

Signature of Pay Orders – Pay Orders were reviewed and signed by the Board Members.

New Business

Mike Purcell - To discuss removal of building on Hogback property and using funds to defray costs of the project.

Rescheduled to 12/9/21 meeting.

Tim Segar - To review, discuss, and possibly adopt the Town Plan as submitted by the Planning Commission.

Tim Segar and the Planning Commission came to the meeting to present to the Board the Town Plan after the PC's Public Hearing (11/16/21) and continue the process of having the Plan approved by the Board, then sent to the Windham Regional Commission for approval, and ultimately implementation of the Plan moving forward.

The Board had reviewed the Plan prior to the meeting and after an introduction and overview of the Plan from Tim with input from the other PC members in attendance a general discussion of the Plan ensued leading to several questions from the Board, including: the impact of Covid on the demographics of the town (i.e. more people in residence as they decide to relocate and spend more time in residence), how the changing business and developmental environment may impact the Plan, how rules and regulations attached to the growing number of funding sources may impact the plan, and when the 2020 census is fully incorporated evaluated and incorporated into the town's dynamics, how will that impact the Plan.

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Also discussed was a feeling by the PC that the Plan may be too restrictive in some ways and not restrictive enough in others. The Board and the PC agreed that this concern along with the concerns raised in the questions by the Board, while important, can be handled as the Plan moves forward. The Plan is changeable and if issues arise there are mechanisms in place to make revisions should they be determined to be necessary.

Continuing the discussion, the Board made it clear to the PC that the Plan was an impressive piece of work and they should be very proud of their efforts.

As to next steps, Tim advised the Board that due to changes since the Plan's last incarnation and approval, there needs to be a Special Select Board meeting to consider the Plan, receive any public comment, and ultimately vote on approval/disapproval by the Board of the Plan. Next, if approved, the Plan would be submitted to the Windham Regional Commission for approval and then it would be ready for implementation by the Board.

Per the Open Meeting rules and regulations, this Special Select Board meeting will be fully "warned" and posted, and the Board settled on 5pm on Thursday, December 23rd, 2021, prior to the regularly scheduled Board meeting. Nick has taken the action to properly "warn" this meeting and hopefully, in order to be able to accommodate the most people who wish to attend in person (Zoom will also be available), arrange to hold the meeting at the Community Center.

A final line of discussion centered on some first steps to take once approval is granted by the WRC. The PC suggested and the Board strongly endorsed the idea, that the creation of a prioritization list should be created to more efficiently and cost effectively carry out the plan to the best benefit of the Town and its residents.

Act 166 Inventory

The Act 166 Inventory was received and completed by Emergency Management Director Jay Sparks.

Support for SVTNH Museum

The Town and the Board have no concerns with this as it was simply a letter of support solicited by the Museum for their independent grant application.

Notice from resident regarding petition to ask WCSO to adopt a fair & impartial policing policy

A town resident approached the Town in advance of creating a petition to include a fair & impartial policing policy in the Town Meeting agenda. As this does not require any action by the Board, no action was taken.

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Old Business

On-going discussion of establishing a Town Administrator position.

A full job description and responsibilities list is being generated and is expected to be presented to the Board at the next meeting.

Decision on opting-in to the State of Vermont's participation in the Opiate Settlement.

Motion to not opt-in to the Opiate Settlement (van Ranson/Betts) – Passed unanimously.

Update on employment search for additional Road Crew Member.

Help Wanted ads have been scheduled in The Commons, The Reformer, and The Deerfield Valley News, while also being posted on Front Page Forum, the Marlboro Website, and Facebook page. The job has also been posted to the Indeed Job Search website. As applications come in they will be forwarded to Dave for review prior to scheduling interviews.

Update on requesting Grant in Aid for road equipment from the WRC.

The application for this grant has been submitted and we are awaiting notification on its status.

ADJOURNED: 7:44p