

Minutes

Town Of Marlboro Regular Select Board Meeting

Thursday, March 24, 2022, 6:00pm

Present Aaron Betts, Select Board Chair; Jim Agate, Select Board Vice-Chair; Molly Welch, Select Board Member; Nick Morgan, Select Board Assistant; Forrest Holzapfel, Town Clerk; Francie Marbury, Lindy Coreman, Kate Morgan, Residents: Brian Lin, Jeff McIver, Scott Brooks, Mary Ellen Player, Erik Garr, CCI.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm.

Scheduled Business

Identify Changes to the Agenda – Discussion of issues concerning the roads and emergency services (end of meeting)

Unscheduled Open Public Comment - None

Approval of Minutes from March 10, 2021 – moved (Betts/Welch) - Passed Unanimously

Signature of Pay Orders – Table to end of meeting and them completed

New Business

Francie Marbury and the Fair and Impartial Policing Policy

Francie Marbury came before the Board to advocate for the Fair and Impartial Policing Policy that was on this year's ballot and passed by a wide majority. As part of the policy, Francie was looking for the town to present a letter to the Windham County Sheriff noting the town's support of the policy and urging that it be adopted by the Sheriff's office.

Forrest noted that a better course of action right now instead of a letter might be actual interaction between Francie (and her organization) and the Sheriff. Francie noted that this was part of their plan, and that the organization would be looking for a dialogue with the Sheriff over this issue.

Out of these discussions, it became evident that some additional research needs to be done regarding where in the political/governmental structure this issue should be addressed (i.e. – Local, County, State).

Francie asked the Board if a letter could be issued at this time and volunteered to write it for the Board. Aaron noted that the Board would not be averse to presenting a letter to the Sheriff's office and would welcome her drafting a letter that the Board could review and then decide if the Board would approve it being sent in the Board's name.

Presentation by Consolidated Communications re: Fiber Internet

CCI attended the Board meeting to present their ongoing actions to potentially be one of the providers of Fiber Internet to the town of Marlboro. They discussed their current build-out plans featuring a new venture called Fidium Fiber. Forrest asked them about their current build-out map, noting that much of their area of coverage was in the low population density areas of the town and that the majority of the population was not covered by their current plans.

Forrest further asked if CCI could provide the town with a cost for supplying the Town Center (including the Town Office, Post Office and Community Center) with fiber internet, both in terms of initial build and connection costs as well as monthly costs.

CCI agreed to look into this and provide the information. The meeting was more of a general information meeting and CCI was not presenting a proposal to the town of their build out plans and what costs, if any, both the towns and individuals should expect.

The sense of the board was to keep the lines of communications open.

HPC Activity Report

Nick presented the Board with the activity report from the HPC for their review. No action was needed at this time pending their review. Should any topics need action they will be handled at future meeting.

G3 Bike Race 7/25/22

The G3 Bike Race has been moving through the Town for many years and has caused little to no disruption to the town and have proved to very good at “cleaning” up after themselves. With this in mind, the Board had no objection to the G3 Bike Race again passing through the town.

Motion: Grant permission for the G3 Bike Race to use town roads for the race as they have done in past years. (Betts/Welch) – Passed unanimously

Old Business

Review current town boards and commissions (available on the website) to identify gaps

Nick reviewed the current list of municipal positions, committees, and commissions noting those where vacancies and inactivity need to be addressed. Nick noted that many of the boards have either presented their new configurations or will be shortly. Several items on the list need to be verified which Nick took the action item to begin. Two commissions were noted that have been rather dormant and seem to be in the need of revitalization. These are the Energy Commission and the Conservation Commission. Both need to be reviewed and have their mission statements reaffirmed and redirected. Nick will undertake this task and present the board with new mission statements for their discussion and review. Once completed the Board will seek volunteers to fill out these boards going into the future.

Discussion of issues concerning the roads and emergency services

The current mud seasons has exposed some communication issues between the Road Crew and the Fire Department. While acknowledging that more discussions with the persons involved is needed the Board noted that due to a lack of communication protocols between the two departments helped cause the difficulties and procedures for both communications and actions need to be clearly established. To this end the Board will be speaking with both departments to find the most beneficial solutions.

Adjourned: 8:10pm