

Minutes

Town Of Marlboro Special Select Board Meeting

Thursday, April 7, 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; Residents: Edie Mas, Nancy Anderson

The meeting was called to order at 5:58pm.

Scheduled Business

New Business

Discussion and approval of Recycling Hauling quotes from TTT & Casella

Nick presented the two quotes from TTT Trucking and Casella to replace Goodenough Trucking as the Town's recycling hauler as Goodenough can no longer handle the town, effective the end of April 2022. Based on the quotes, Casella was almost twice as expensive and it was evident that while TTT will be a little more expensive than Goodenough, TTT is the obvious best alternative. The Board reviewed the quotes and agreed that TTT Trucking was the better option.

Motion: Approve the quote provided by TTT Trucking and contract with them as the Town's recycling hauler.
(Betts/Agate) – Passed unanimously.

Discussion and approval of Town House heater project

Nick presented the quote from Coldflame for replacing the existing propane heater in the Town House with a new unit (including electrical work). The entire project quote came in a little below \$10,000, not including any charges from Suburban Propane to hook up the lines. Aaron noted that he had made inquiries with other builders and was advised that the quote was quite reasonable and well within the norm. Per the Town's purchasing procedures, which state that projects or purchases under \$25,000 do not need multiple quotes. The Board noted that as this project is well below the \$25,000 threshold, accepting Coldflame's quote was well within the Town's purchasing parameters. Prior to a final "go ahead" to Coldflame, Nick and Coldflame will get a final number from Suburban for hooking up the new unit. Should this number be large, the Board acknowledged that they would need to reconsider and approve the project again. Finally, the Board discussed funding this project and agreed that this would be a good use of ARPA funds to restore and insure the viability of the Town House as part of Marlboro's history, past and present.

Motion: Approve Coldflame's bid (\$9,136) for the Town House Heating project (with the acknowledgement of some small additional cost from Suburban for hookup) and approve the use of ARPA funds to pay for the project.
(Betts/Agate) – Passed unanimously

Discuss next steps regarding ARPA funds

Nick discussed the current state of affairs regarding ARPA Funds in terms of upcoming April 30, 2022, initial reporting deadline. After attending a seminar held by the VLCT, Nick reported that the VLCT was strongly and stridently urging all towns to take advantage of a one-time offer by the Federal Government to take all ARPA funds as "Lost Revenue" using what the Government is calling the "Standard Allowance". This is being allowed for any town that is receiving less than \$10 million, which definitely applies to Marlboro. Using this designation allows the town the greatest flexibility in using the funds and makes the whole process easier. Nick also noted that he and Forrest are working to have all the information necessary to make the Town's April 30th, 2022, mandatory report to the Federal Government.

Motion: To follow the VLCT recommendation and according to the Final Rule request the Standard Allowance to receive all ARPA funds as "Lost Revenue" when filing the Town's 4/30/22 mandatory report to the Government.
(Betts/Agate) – Passed unanimously.

Adjourned: 6.41pm