

Minutes

Town Of Marlboro Regular Select Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 26, 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; Francie Marbury, Michelle Holzapfel, Residents.

The meeting was called to order at 5:56pm.

Identify Any Changes to Agenda: None

Scheduled Business

Unscheduled Open Public Comment - None

Approval of Minutes from May 11, 2022 – (Betts/Welch) – Passed unanimously

Signature of Pay Orders - Done

New Business

Fair and Impartial Policing Letter to Windham County Sheriff

F. Marbury presented her letter to the Sheriff regarding the fair and impartial policing policy. The letter includes the text from on the March 2022 ballot and asks the sheriff to follow a policy of fair & impartial policing. Francie noted that with several towns, the sheriff has agreed to have a public hearing on the issue so that both the sheriff and the people can air their concerns and potential issues with what might happen if this is implemented (or not implemented).

After general discussion, the board made the following motion:

Approve the letter written by Francie Marbury to Sheriff Anderson regarding the fair and impartial policing policy in advance of meeting in mid-June with the interest parties (Sheriff's Office & the Public). Betts/Agate – Passed unanimously.

Town House Celebration & Flags (Michelle Holzapfel)

With the Town House celebrating its 200th anniversary (on or around 8/20/22), Michelle is working on putting together the celebration, hopefully in conjunction with the Community Center's BBQ event in support of the MVFD. As part of this plan, Michelle asked the Select Board if there was any problem with her working to refurbish the old Town House flag as well as use a new flag that she has put together.

The Board expressed great appreciation for Michelle's actions and advised that should she need any support, even financial, that the Board would be open to considering her request at a subsequent meeting. Nick advised Michelle to stay in touch with him, and he would work with the Board to make sure everything would be in place for the anniversary.

Rescue, Inc. Contract & Letter

The Board reviewed the letter composed by Nick to Rescue, Inc. to verify their future plans in terms of serving the area and town outside of Brattleboro, as the Board considers the new 22-23, 23-24, & 24-25 prior to agreeing to and signing the new contract.

Motion: Proceed with sending letter to Rescue, Inc as drawn up to gather information prior to approval and signing of contract- Betts/Agate – Passed unanimously

Status of Conservation Committee & Energy Commission Reconstitution

Tabled as interested parties were unable to attend. The Board advised Nick to reach out to the Planning Commission to see if any members of their current board would be interested in moving from the Planning Commission and taking up the reins of the Energy and/or Conservation commission. Nick noted that he had received a couple of possible names of candidates for the Conservation Commission and he would follow-up and report back.

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SB Coordinate with Linda, Andrea, and David on Road Budget

The Board briefly discussed the benefits of starting the 2023 budgeting process now and asked Nick to help coordinate a meeting between Linda, Andrea, David, and a member of the Board to begin these discussions. Molly agreed to handle standard Road budget issue and Jim will handle those aspects involving ARPA funding.

Marlboro Elementary would like to use the Muster Field for graduation.

Dan MacArthur and Jamie Schilling contacted Nick and SB regarding getting approval for Marlboro Elementary School to use the Muster Field for this year's graduation ceremonies. After reviewing the past use of the Field, the Board was happy to provide their approval. The SB asked Nick to coordinate with the parties to make sure that the use of the field did not provide any hardship for anyone (specifically hay farmer).

Motion: Approve Marlboro Elementary School to use the Muster Field provided all necessary steps are taken to ensure farmer Jake Hamilton is advised of the situation and everything is done to prevent disruption of the hay fields.
Betts/Welch – Passed unanimously.

Old Business

DVFiber update (Nick)

Nick reviewed his discussions with Steven John regarding upcoming plans of DVFiber, including the advisement that connections should be starting in Q4'22, though exact locations are not yet set. Complete schedule of connections is hoping to be advised by mid-summer. Plans for how to handle using ARPA funds to assist residents in need in the connection process. The DVFiber board is still working out details and Nick advised the Board that Steven will be keeping them apprised as the process continues to move forward.

Discuss and determine timeline for SB Meetings regarding ARPA funding usage

Nick presented a planned schedule for upcoming SB meetings to create a plan for the ARPA funds and structure for reviewing potential projects and coordinating the process of making an overall plan to maximize the use of ARPA funding, through designating projects that have the highest overall benefits and impact on the most Marlboro residents.

The Board agreed that such a schedule is beneficial and is looking forward to the next two meetings where Municipal Building projects and road maintenance and improvement projects will be reviewed and evaluated and then welcoming VLCT ARPA advisor, Katie Buckley, to the 6/23/22 meeting.

Motion to Adjourn: (Betts/Agate) – Passed unanimously – 7:35p