

Minutes

Town Of Marlboro Select Board Meeting

Thursday, June 23, 2022, 6:00pm

Attendees: Aaron Betts, Chair; Jim Agate, Vice-Chair; Molly Welch, Member; Nick Morgan, SB Assistant; Clarence Boston, Constable; Katie Buckley, VLCT; Bonnie Taylor, BHI (GMP Contractor); David Elliot, Road Foreman; Jean Boardman, DVFiber; Mary Sargent, Zoning Administrator; Tim Segar, Planning Commission.

Call to Order @ 6p

Regular Select Board Meeting Agenda

Identify Any Changes To Agenda: Add discussion regarding ACO (see below)

Scheduled Business

Unscheduled Open Public Comment – None

Approval of Minutes from June 9, 2022 – Motion to approve: (Betts/Agate – Passed unanimously)

Signature of Pay Orders -Completed

New Business

Hamilton Road GMP Project Approval

Green Mountain Power contractor (BHI) representative, Bonnie Tyler, outlined the project for the Board, noting that they had received allowances from adjoining landowners, providing a map and plans for the electrical line to be buried beneath Hamilton Road. Bonnie also provided the plans for how the line will be buried and Road Foreman, David Elliot, noted that the plans met with his approval. The Board having reviewed the plans, saw no issues with the project, felt the improvement of the electric infrastructure is highly beneficial, and approved the project.

Motion: Approve the GMP (BHI) project to bury electrical line under designated section of Hamilton Road. (Betts/Walch – Passed unanimously)

Discussion on handling Animal Control calls during Animal Control Officer's Vacation

Clarence Boston, Town Constable, discussed past coverage of the Animal Control Officer duties and the recent incident with a dog-on-dog attack. After a good deal of discussion, Clarence noted that while he would be willing to help when available, he would be unable to take on the full responsibility of temporary Animal Control Officer.

The discussion continued on how to best cover for any Animal Control calls. Nick was tasked with contacting the Windham County Sheriff's Office to inquire about their ability to handle issues for the town, noting that the WCSO had instituted an Animal Control division last year. The Board also felt that simple non-emergency calls could be handled by having residents contact the Town Office (leaving a message if necessary) and the issue would be handled by the Board and others. Any major issues or emergencies would be directed to the WCSO or even the Vermont State Police.

Clarence noted that he is willing to assist but does not want to be the main person and urged the Board to appoint someone during this vacation by Peggy.

Katie Buckley – VLCT – ARPA best practices

Katie Buckley from the VLCT joined the meeting via Zoom and gave a brief presentation on ARPA funding in general, some best practices for allocating and administering the funds, and suggestions for areas where the funds could be the most useful.

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Katie also provided many resources the Board could access to facilitate both the Board's understanding of ARPA and how to best use the funds.

In addition, Katie put together a resolution for the Board to consider (Resolution 22-001) laying out how the Town will administer the ARPA funds including a tracking of the Funds.

After reviewing Resolution 22-001, and discussing its details with Katie, the Board decided to adopt the resolution.

Motion: The Marlboro Select Board agrees to adopt the Marlboro Resolution 22-001 concerning ARPA funding. (Betts/Welch – Passed unanimously)

Dog Warrant Signature

The Board signed the Dog Warrant prepared by Town Clerk Forrest Holzapfel identifying those Dog owners who are still in violation of the Town's Dog Ordinance. Signed by all Board members.

Hire new Road Crew Member

The Board reviewed the candidate, Russell Waterman, and found that he fulfilled all qualities required as a Road Crew Member. David Elliot, the Road Foreman, added his approval to the hiring.

Motion: Approve the hiring of Russell Waterman to the Road Crew effective June 30, 2022. (Betts/Agate – Passed unanimously)

Speeding issues on Augur Hole coming off Route 9

Nick presented a resident complaint of speeding on Augur Hole Road coming off Route 9. The Board directed Nick to review the situation on Augur Hole as well as contacted the WCSO to arrange a presence to help slow down drivers coming off Route 9. Further discussion was set for the next Board meeting on 7/14/22.

Planning Commission Discussion on Town Plan and best plan to enhance communication between SB & PC.

Due to the length of the ARPA presentation, Tim needed to leave so this discussion was tabled for this meeting and included on the 7/14/22 agenda.

Old Business

Amend 6/9/22 motion on funding source for DVFiber Connection Grant

The motion passed on 6/9/22 concerning DVFiber funding needed to be amended. After a discussion of what was needed, the following motion was introduced, discussed, and voted on.

Motion: To amend the motion previously adopted on June 9, 2022, that stated "*The Town of Marlboro will commit to provide DVFiber with the amount of \$24,652 (from ARPA funds) to assist the DVFiber in their assistance to the Unserved and Underserved so they can be hooked up to Fiber Broadband*" to change the funding source to be general funds. (Betts/Agate – Passed unanimously)

DVFiber PoP contract

Having been introduced, reviewed, and discussed the Board agreed to sign the contract and send it to Steven John and DVFiber.

Motion: Approve and sign the proposed DVFiber PoP contract. (Betts/Welch – Passed unanimously)

Motion to Adjourn @ 7:55p (Betts/Welch – Passed unanimously)