

Minutes

Town Of Marlboro Select Board Meeting Thursday, July 14, 2022, 6:00pm

Attendees: Aaron Betts, Chair; Jim Agate, Vice-Chair; Molly Welch, Board Member, David Elliot, Road Foreman; Nick Morgan, Select Board Assistant, Mike Purcell, Hogback, Michael Garber, DVSJ

Due to Covid concerns the meeting was held remotely on Zoom

Call to order 6:01p

Identify Any Changes To Agenda: None

Scheduled Business

Unscheduled Open Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes from June 23, 2022 – Motion to approve 6/23/22 Minutes (Betts/Agate – Passed unanimously).

Signature of Pay Orders: Done

New Business

Deer Valley Stump Jumpers prep for Winter

Michael Garber from the Deer Valley Stump Jumpers (Snowmobile Club) came before the board to present and request approval to use and maintain Snowmobile trails on Hogback property (this is done yearly). In addition to the standard approval, this year there was also a permission submitted for DVSJ to maintain, repair, and/or replace the bridge(s) on the trails which also provides for the removal of the bridges should the Town wish to revoke the permission of use of the trails.

Mike Purcell from the Hogback Conservancy was also present to advise that the Conservancy had no objections to DVSJ being provided these permissions and noted that DVSJ has been a good steward of the trails and the Hogback environment in the past and should be expected to continue to do so again this year.

Motion: Approve the signing by the Board of the land use permission form and bridge maintenance document allowing DVSJ to use the Hogback Snowmobile trails again this year (2022/23) – (Betts/Welch – Passed unanimously).

New England Green River Marathon

The Marathon organizers recently reached out to provide details of their small use of the Town's roads for their annual Marathon in late August. The organizers also advised that about 10 days prior to the Marathon, they would provide a press release and materials for the town to post on website and other online venues (i.e., Front Page Forum) to pass along information to town residents. They also advised that the Marathon would begin staging around 6:30a on the old Marlboro College Auditorium and go off around 7:00a and be out of the town environs by about 7:30a. Through Nick, the Select Board emphasized to the organizers that the main concern was that as the Marathon left the town, all signage, etc. would be cleaned up and removed. The organizers assured Nick that this was their intention and as this Marathon has previously come through Marlboro and has always done a great job at clean-up. The Board had previously passed a motion approving the Marathon, so no further action was required expect directing Nick to remain in touch with the organizers and insure everything goes as planned.

First Aid Building on Hogback

This topic was tabled, and Nick was directed to request a meeting with the conservancy to make a plan on how to deal with this old building.

Speed Calming using Local Constable Clarence Boston

Molly advised the Board that Clarence was in the process of getting information (scheduling & costs) on getting his Constable training in regard to speeding and ticket writing in order to provide more coverage on Town roads to enforce speed limits with the power to ticket offenders. The Board indicated that they are very supportive of this idea and advised Molly to advise Clarence to come to the Board once this information is collected for approval.

Lighted Speed Signs

This item was tabled until next meeting as specifications and costs are still be collected.

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WSCO Yearly Contract

After reviewing the Windham County Sheriff yearly (2022/23) contract, the Board saw nothing to object so moved to approve and sign the contract.

Motion: Approve and sign the WSCO contract as submitted to the Board by the Windham County Sheriff's Office (Betts/Agate – Passed unanimously)

WCSO planned ACO Co-op

Nick had a long conversation with Sheriff Mark Anderson, concerning his creation of an amalgamation of Windham County towns to create a cooperative group to work with and support the WCSO's ACO officer. The Sheriff ACO Deputy would assist Towns in the group with several categories of issues including Vicious Animals, At-Large Animals, Quarantine, and Licensing. In order to facilitate this, the WCSO would work with towns to update their ordinances and align them between the towns. Other components of ordinances, such as leash regulations and "barking" dog issues, would remain very much up to the individual towns. The Board felt that this could be a very interesting and beneficial option to help support the town's ACO and provide "official" backup should it be necessary.

Sheriff Anderson will be holding an informational meeting with interested towns to discuss the plan as a whole and review plans, costs, logistics, etc. The Board strongly agreed that this meeting was worth attending and advised Nick to continue to communicate with the Sheriff and advise when this meeting would occur.

Old Business

Purchase of Loader using Municipal Equipment Loan Fund

The funds from the Municipal Equipment Loan Fund have arrived and Nick advised that the purchase of a Loader, previously approved by the Board, will proceed the week of 7/18/22.

Planning Commission Notes from 7/12/22 meeting

Nick advised the Board of information from the 7/12/22 meeting of the Planning Commission. The particular information from the PC meeting of importance to the Board was the PC's decision to investigate and proceed with the possibility of getting a Municipal Planning Grant from the State which would allow for professional evaluation, planning, costs, and scheduling of a cohesive plan for the Town's Village Center plans. The Board received this news with great expectation and will continue to work with the PC to provide what assistance and support it can.

Town House Project Completion

Nick reported that with a final check on the propane connection scheduled for the week of 7/18/22 the new heater project for the Town House has been completed, on time and on budget.

Executive Session

Motion: Move to executive session at 6:55p (Agate/Betts – Passed unanimously)

Motion: Return out of executive session and move to regular order at 7:11p (Betts/Agate – Passed unanimously)

Update on Roads

David Elliot, Road Foreman, reported that the Loader should be delivered either Monday or Tuesday, that he is reviewing signage needs on Town roads, including a stop or yield sign on Upper Dover Road entering onto Higley Hill Road, asked that the Board discuss the continued assistance from "Bummy" regarding road side mowing (Nick and Molly took the action item to discuss details with Linda), and David reported that the Crew is working well together and is looking for the return of the final Crew Member who was on Medical Leave to return in the near future, bringing the crew up to full strength.

David also noted that the crew is continuing its road dust mitigation efforts, which seem to have been working well, despite the lack of rain to help keep the dust down.

Motion to Adjourn – (Betts/Agate – Passed unanimously) – 7:42p