

Minutes

Town Of Marlboro Select Board Meeting Thursday, August 11, 2022, 6:00pm

Attendees: Aaron Betts, Chair (was unable to attend); Jim Agate, Vice-Chair; Molly Welch, Board Member, David Elliot, Road Foreman; Nick Morgan, Select Board Assistant, Mary Sargent, Zoning Commissioner; Will Shakespeare & Edie Mas, Planning Commission.

Called to Order by Aaron Betts @ 6:02pm

Scheduled Business

Unscheduled Open Public Comment - None

Approval of Minutes from July 28, 2022 – Motion to approve: (Betts/Agate – Passed unanimously)

Signature of Pay Orders – Done

Changes to published agenda: Loose Dog Issue – Multiple warnings: Tabled until 8/25/22 meeting

New Business

Environmental Consultant for DRB Zoning Issues

Zoning Commissioner, Mary Sargent, advised the Board that due to the Conservation Committee's lack of members and ability to currently function, a hardship was being placed on several applications for building in certain protected zones. According to the Zoning Regulations (Section 355), a building permit needs an environmental impact statement. Without the Conservation Commission fulfilling these duties, financial hardship could be placed on some applicants who would need to hire an environmental consultant to do a review.

Mary asked about the possibility of the Select Board "waiving" this requirement if applicable and noted that she would reach out to the Town's lawyer for an opinion on what could be done.

After further discussion of alternatives, the sense of the Board was that conversations with both the Planning Commission (who has overview of the Zoning Regulation) and the DRB were called for to discuss the possible change of the regulations (specifically Section 355) to help alleviate this situation in the future. Additionally, this situation made clear to the Board that a reconstitution of the Conservation Commission was essential and that a concerted effort of all three Boards/Committees must be organized and a plan to move forward developed.

Edie Mas of the Planning Commission, who was present to discuss other matters, did advise that the PC was looking hard at the regulations and is in the midst of reviewing the regulations. The Board appreciated Edie's information and is looking forward to hearing from the PC.

Review of VLCT's Dental Plan for Town employees

The VLCT has developed a Dental Insurance Plan for member towns to provide coverage to the Town's employees (fully paid by the town). While this would entail additional costs for the Town, the Board agreed to table the issue for now to provide time for discussions with the Town Treasurer.

Select Board Table at the Town Fair

Due to the date of the Fair, the Select Board will not be able to man a table at the Town Fair this year.

Scheduling discussion of Pilot Greeter Program for South Pond

After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to schedule these discussions for 9/22/22 meeting and directed Nick to set this up with those involved and notify publicize the date to the Town as a whole.

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DVFiber Update

Steven John provided an email update on the current status of DVFiber's progress to date. The Board appreciated the update and look forward to having Steven attend a meeting in September to get a full and more in-depth report.

Excavator for Highway Department

The Board continues to investigate, along with David Elliott, the costs and potential values to the Town of purchasing an excavator which would greatly enhance the Department's road maintenance efforts.

Update on the Municipal Planning Grant being investigated by the Planning Commission

Edie Mas and Will Shakespeare from the PC came to advise the SB on the current process of the MPG. While the goal is to still submit an MPG the State has delayed publishing the guidelines until later in September, with a filing deadline in December. The Board noted that they are looking forward to working with the PC during this process.

Edie also brought up that in addition to the MPG, she was advised that there are Town Infrastructure grants also available which could be used for some kind of septic system improvements for the Town that have long been on the radar. While nothing is firm here, this other grant is also being investigated. The big question is whether it is advisable to invest the energy and time into developing the grant request if the project is one the Board is not interested to pursuing. The Board will take this under advisement and continue with discussions with the PC on whether to pursue a revamped septic system for the Town Center. Nick was asked to continue to schedule discussions in subsequent meetings.

Motion to move into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues: (Betts/Welch – Passed unanimously) - 7:20pm

Motion to return from Executive Session: (Betts/Welch – Passed unanimously) – 8:07pm

Motion to Adjourn – 8:10pm (Betts/Welch – Passed unanimously)