

Minutes

Town Of Marlboro Select Board Meeting Thursday, August 25, 2022, 6:00pm

Attendees: Aaron Betts, Chair; Jim Agate, Vice-Chair; Molly Welch, Board Member, David Elliot, Road Foreman; Nick Morgan, Select Board Assistant; Peggy Tiffany, Marlboro ACO; Philip Johansson, Kate Morgan, residents, Cory Ross, Lake Raponda Association.

Called to Order by Aaron Betts @ 6:07pm

Scheduled Business

Unscheduled Open Public Comment - None

Approval of Minutes from August 11, 2022 – Motion to approve: (Betts/Agate – Passed unanimously)

Signature of Pay Orders – Done

Changes to published agenda: Town Clerk Forrest Holzapfel informed Board Chair (Aaron Betts) that there needs to be a meeting of Town officials regarding the abatement of taxes for 1061 Augur Hole Road prior to 9/6/22. After a brief discussion where Aaron advised that he would not be able to make the meeting, but that both Molly and Jim will be able to attend. Nick will advise Forrest of this and help facilitate the Board member's attendance at the meeting.

New Business

Loose Dog Issue – Multiple warnings – Next steps

There is a continuing issue regarding Lizz Hauty's & Sam Wisell's dogs running loose on numerous occasions. Peggy (ACO) has already issued several tickets with increasing values. After discussion, Aaron suggested that the Select Board compose a letter regarding this issue, strongly noting the regulations and that if this continues the tickets will continue to increase and the dogs may have to be impounded with all associated fees ultimately being their responsibility. Following up on this, the Board asked Nick to compose a letter outlining the next steps and consequences. Nick will forward the draft of this letter to Peggy and the Board for review and once approved send the letter via certified mail.

October Municipal Equipment Loan Application

There is another round of the Municipal Equipment Loan program in October. The Board discussed the possibility of submitting for a mid-size excavator and/or a used F250 or similar for use in crew transportation to work sites. Nick took the action item to discuss with Linda and coordinate her joining the SB at a meeting to discuss whether taking on more debt (albeit at a very low interest rate) to upgrade equipment is within the town's budget at this time or if there are other options.

South Pond Pilot Greeter Program

Philip Johansson from the Ames Hill Community organization requested time to speak with the Board about a "lake greeter" pilot program for boat users of South Pond to help educate about and physically prevent the introduction of invasive species to South Pond from boats coming to the lake from other bodies of water. In addition, Philip invited Cory Ross who administrates a similar program at Lake Raponda. Fellow resident, Kate Morgan, also attended to lend her experience with greeter programs and the need for such a program to protect the environment in and around Marlboro's bodies of water.

These initial discussions were requested to see if the town could help with financing this pilot program next year, to the tune of approximately \$5,000, to pair with funding being received from Windham County. The Board is in support of such a program, as the town waterways are very important to protect, but before agreeing to funding, would like the Ames Hill organization to reach out to the other organizations in town and in the area to see if funding can be generated from other sources, before coming to the town to use general funds for this purpose.

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Kate added that the SB should seek out information (training) on why keeping the bodies of water free of invasive species, and that should these species get a foot hold, not only can the bodies of water be affected, but general property values could suffer over time. She further commented that continual evaluation is important and that this does not only impact South Pond, but that the Board should make sure the other bodies of water within the town need to be monitored as well.

Molly asked how Cory's program is financed, to which he responded that a local 501c3 organization provided much of the funding and the SB saw this as a possible way to do this and would begin the search to see if this was an option.

The Board asked Philip if it would be possible over the next several weeks to seek out funding sources and see what amount of funding could be received from existing town organizations and boards. After some discussion it was agreed that a subsequent meeting in 6-8 weeks would be beneficial to discuss progress and continue to investigate how this type of program could be funded as the Board was generally in agreement that this type of program is important, and at this point is mostly a question of funding.

This Year's Sand Bids

David Elliott presented the Board with four bids for the Town's Winter sand needs. After reviewing the bids and with agreement from David, the Board went with the lowest bid, submitted by Zaluzny, who the town has dealt with in the past.

Motion to accept the Zaluzny bid for the Town's Winter sand needs. (Betts/Welch – Passed unanimously)

Michele Streeter Cowpath Driveway Permit Signatures

After being reviewed and signed by David Elliott and the Town Clerk, the SB also signed the Michele Streeter Cowpath Driveway permit. David noted that he had spoken with the contractor involved and would continue to monitor the situation to ensure the proper work will be done.

No Old Business

There being no "Old Business" the Board Moved to enter 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)