

Minutes

Town Of Marlboro Select Board Meeting Thursday, September 22, 2022, 6:00pm

Attendees: Aaron Betts, Chair; Jim Agate, Vice-Chair; Molly Welch, Board Member; Nick Morgan, Select Board Assistant; Steven John, Jean Boardman, & Eva Grimaldi, DRB; Tim Segar, Planning Commission; Hunter Jack, John Kepler, Abby Kelly, Kevin Mazuzan, American Red Cross Northern New England Region; Gail MacArthur, MCC; Jennifer Mazur, Marlboro Care; Adam Fletcher, Michael Schneider, Carol Ann Lobo Johnson, MVFD; The Bartletts, Ben McDarment, Hollis Burbak-Hammarlaund, Patti Smith, Lindy Corman, Mike Purcell, Hunter Jack, Residents.

Called to Order by Aaron Betts @ 6:06pm

Scheduled Business

Unscheduled Open Public Comment - None

Approval of Minutes from September 8, 2022 – Motion to approve: (Betts/Welch – Passed unanimously)

Signature of Pay Orders – Done

Changes to published agenda: None

New Business

Review of impoundment portion of Dog Ordinance

At the suggestion of the ACO (Peggy Tiffany) the Board will consider changes to the fee and fine structure of the current Dog Regulations and Ordinances. To this end, the Board asked Nick to communicate with Peggy and make the changes for submission to the Board for its approval (or changes) at the 10/13/22 meeting.

Town Administrator Report

Planning/Scoping Grant as part of overall Road Planning:

In his capacity as the Town Administrator, Nick presented the idea of taking the next six-nine months to establish a plan of action for the town roads in terms of maintenance and/or repair by designating problem areas and then commission an engineering firm to develop comprehensive plans (costs, scope, etc.) to complete the work. By doing this, it will provide a group of fully developed action plans that can be used to complete grant applications as they are announced by the funding entities.

The Board was very receptive to this idea and tasked Nick to begin the process of working with the WRC and VLCT in finding firms to do the engineering design and potentially find and help submit for planning grant and/or “scoping” funds from governmental organizations.

ANR Public Hearing and new regulations:

Nick reminded the Board that the ANR (VT Agency of Natural Resources) will be holding public hearing on the new regulations the second week of October 2022, and that later in the month the Town will need to acknowledge the new regulations with a Notice of Intent.

Municipal Highway and Stormwater Mitigation Grant:

This round of grants did not really fit projects the town would be interested in and after speaking with Colin Bratton of the WRC, the Board acknowledged that the town would not be seeking to submit an application for this round.

Discussion of Conservation Commission reconstitution with PC, DRB, & Potential volunteers

The Select Board was very happy to host six residents who have expressed strong interest if being appointed to the Conservation Commission. As part of the process, the PC and the DRB joined the SB meeting to be introduced to the candidates and provide them with some initial information on what would be expected of them and what the SB, PC, & DRB would be able to provide to them in their work on the Conservation Commission. Tim Segar, the Chair of the PC, noted that on Tuesday, 9/27/22, the PC would be holding a meeting with the candidates and past members of the Conservation Commission to provide information to and answer questions from the candidates. Nick noted that the SB would like to make appointments at the 10/13/22 meeting and asked the candidates to get

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back to him via email by 10/12/22 with their firm commitment to be appointed to the Conservation Commission so the Board could act on 10/13/22. The general consensus of the Board and those in attendance that this was all very good news and look forward to a fully functional Conservation Commission by mid-October 2022.

Discussions with Red Cross et al. on Fire Prevention and Preparations

The Northern New England Region of the American Red Cross sent several officers and administrators to the meeting to discuss the Red Cross' ability and efforts to increase Marlboro's ability to maximize residents fire prevention and preparedness. Abby Kelly of the Red Cross gave a presentation highlighting the Red Cross' programs and how it works to not only help after events have occurred but in preparing for and preventing those crisis events from happening.

Several youth programs were discussed which will be discussed in more detail with Marlboro Elementary School and are already in the works. Besides the youth programs the Red Cross is all set to work with Town organizations such as the Fire Department, the Marlboro Community Center, Marlboro Cares, and the Town boards and commissions on home fire safety, smoke alarm installation programs, setting up battery and alarm checks, and continuing discussions with town organizations on how to get the word out and how to get the assistance to those who need it.

Abby Kelly acknowledged that she would provide materials to Nick for promoting fire safety and possibly artwork for publication on the town's website and potentially, the Marlboro Mixer, in order to get the word out to the most people, especially as the town enters fall and winter and the potential for fire issues increase with the increased use of woodstoves, etc.

Molly asked about and stressed the importance of advocating for people to take advantage of "home visits". Abby agreed that this was very important, and that the Red Cross stands ready to support these efforts but that they are most effective when they start with town personal and the local fire department. Everyone agreed that continued communication on this issue was very important, and Nick noted that he would spearhead the efforts to keep communication open and help organize the efforts.

Old Business

Road Supervisor Interview plan

The Board noted that with fived resumes "in house" for the Road Supervisor position, that it was time to start scheduling interviews. The Board noted that they would figure out the best way to proceed and begin the process of interviewing candidates over the next couple of weeks.

Sign David Elliott Agreement

Based on prior approval of the agreement (pending input from the town lawyer, which has come in and the lawyer saw no issues with the agreement), Aaron Betts as Chair of the Board signed the agreement which will be submitted to David for his approval and signature.

First Aid Building Next Steps

Mike Purcell and the SB discussed the continuing issue of the First Aid Building on Hogback and agreed that something definitely needs to be done. The main issue is "who pays what" to get the mitigation taken care of. Aaron noted that he would talk with Town Treasurer, Linda Peters, regarding what funds might be available and how much each party, the Town and the Hogback Conservancy, should contribute. There was brief discussion of the use of ARPA funds, but this was tabled pending an overall discussion on the question of how much the Town should contribute to this effort.

Motion to Adjourn: 751pm – Betts/Agate – Passed unanimously