

Draft Minutes
Town Of Marlboro Select Board Meeting
Thursday, October 13, 2022, 6:00pm

Attendees: Aaron Betts, Chair; Jim Agate, Vice-Chair; Molly Welch, Board Member; Nick Morgan, Select Board Assistant/Town Admin; Robert Elliott, Resident, Meg Starloff, BDCC

Called to Order by Aaron Betts @ 6:01pm

Scheduled Business

Unscheduled Open Public Comment – Robert Elliott came before the Board to bring up the possibility of considering the paving of the dirt segment of Higley Hill Road. The Board noted Robert’s request and made plans to review the issues around paving the road, in terms of statutory and procedural Town rules and ordinances. The Board tasked Nick to research the question and bring information to the next Board meeting (10/27/22) for the Board to review.

Approval of Minutes from September 22, 2022 – Motion to approve: (Betts/Agate – Passed unanimously)
Signature of Pay Orders – Done

Changes to published agenda: None

New Business

BDCC/SeVEDS – Meg Staloff

Meg, the Southern Vermont Economy Project Manager for the BDCC, came before the Board to present the annual report on the BDCC’s current projects and what is on the horizon for the BDCC/SeVEDS. The two projects that had potential benefit for the Town were 1) a training program initiative for local residents to help with good employment opportunities (i.e. CDL training so that the Town does not have to foot the bill per new regulations) and potential partial financing of energy efficiency projects, such as increased Solar Panels on Town Buildings and the subsequent installation of high-efficiency heat pumps. Meg also noted that there may be the availability of retroactive funding for projects that have been recently completed.

The discussion concluded with the Select Board approving submitting a letter of support for a SE VT EDD that the BDCC is working with all area towns to get implemented. Motion: To approve and submit suggested letter (by the BDCC) in support of a SE VT EDD. (Betts/Agate – Passed unanimously).

Review of impoundment portion of Dog Ordinance

The Board reviewed the changes made to Section 7 of the Dog Ordinance submitted by ACO Peggy Tiffany, regarding the fee for impoundment. Rather than having a specific fee noted in the ordinance, the change would have the fee established yearly and submitted to the Board by the ACO for approval. The current fee is \$30. Motion to accept changes to Section 7 of the Marlboro Dog Ordinance as presented by ACO Peggy Tiffany. (Betts/Agate – Passed unanimously).

Town Administrator Report

Nick noted that he had completed the Nov/Dec Marlboro Mixer article and presented it to the Board for review and any additions, changes, or deletions. The Board acknowledged that the article was good to go and directed Nick to proceed.

Nick reported that he was in touch with both Colin Bratton and Jeff Nugent of the WRC regarding finding potential grant funding for road repair and maintenance and that they were providing much good information. One thing that was extremely promising was that VTrans did have a program whereby they would provide the engineering expertise in scoping projects at no or minimal cost to the Town. Nick advised that he would keep the Board advised on developments.

Motion to move to Executive Session to discuss personnel issues: 6:52pm – Betts/Agate – Passed unanimously.

Exit Executive Session at 7:00pm and reconvene regular order: Betts/Agate – Passed unanimously.

Old Business

Adoption of plan to hire new Road Foreman

Aaron announced that the SB has decided to hire (starting 10/31/22) Andrew Richardson to replace the retiring David Elliott as the Marlboro VT Road Foreman. The Board made clear that they were very happy with this announcement and that Andrew, a Marlboro Resident and the current MVFD Chief, would make a great addition to the Town's Road Crew and are looking forward to an excellent working relationship with him.

Motion to Adjourn – 7:15pm (Betts/Welch – Passed unanimously)