

## **Minutes**

### **Town Of Marlboro Select Board Meeting Thursday, November 22, 2022, 6:00pm**

Attendees: Aaron Betts, Chair; Jim Agate, Vice-Chair; Molly Welch, Member; Nick Morgan, Assistant/Town Admin; Andrew Richardson, Road Foreman; Linda Peters, Treasurer; Andrea Howe, Asst. Treasurer; Tamara Stenn & Nora Wilson, Residents.

#### **Call to order – 6:02p**

#### **Regular Select Board Meeting Agenda**

Identify Any Changes to Agenda: None

#### **Scheduled Business**

Unscheduled Open Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes from November 10, 2022: Betts/Walsh – Passed unanimously

Signature of Pay Orders: Done

#### **New Business**

Aaron signature on DMV paperwork - Done

The Board reviewed and affirmed the decision by Road Foreman, Andrew Richardson, to hire Robert Germon to the Road Crew.

Affirm inviting Tim Segar to 12/8/22 meeting to discuss planning grant: Done and Nick will advise Tim of the invitation.

#### **Energy Committee Reconstitution**

Marlboro Resident Tamara Stenn came to the Board to express interest in becoming part of the Energy Commission and working to find at least two more potential members to reconstitute the Energy Commission. Tamara and the Board discussed potential goals and projects for the Energy Commission and thoughts on possible other members. After a good and constructive discussion, the Board and Tamara agreed to take the month of December to both locate and recruit members and by reviewing other local area Energy Commissions come up with a set of goals for the new Commission. Nick will remain in contact with Tamara and report back to the Board on progress.

Motion to move to executive session to discuss personnel and HR issues at 6:18pm. (Betts/Welch – Passed unanimously)

Exit from executive session and resume regular meeting.

#### **Discussion with Forrest regarding 2023 Town Meeting Ballot and Warning**

Forrest initially discussed and presented voting patterns for the Town over the past several cycles. The use of an Australian Ballot system has dramatically increased voter response, doubling participation using mailed ballots. The Board also discussed potential articles for the 2023 Warning & Ballot including: A question to continue using the Australian Ballot, instituting Town informational meetings to solicit “in-person input from Town Residents, have their voices heard and reiterate the ability to make contributions to the ballot through the signature process; A question regarding the potential blacktopping of several stretches of roadway in Town that need improvement.

The Board will continue to meet with Forrest through the Warning & Ballot process.

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### Highway Department to Plowing Fire House

The Board has no problem with the Highway Department “swinging” through to plow at the MVFD in the course of their regular plowing of the Town roads.

### Town Administrator Report

Nick reported that he attended the recent HPC meeting and there were two main takeaways from the meeting:

1. The current extension of the National Grid Tower on Hogback is ending on 7/13/23 and needs to be negotiated and renewed. Jesse negotiated the previous extension and the Board asked Nick to reach out to Jesse to see if he would be willing to attend a meeting to discuss the process he went through and if he had any advice. The Board also asked Nick to reach out to the Town’s lawyer to see what steps (legal) need to be taken and clarify his participation in the process.
2. Nick reported that he stressed to the HPC that the HPC needed to develop a plan of action regarding the First Aid Building on the Hogback property and present it to the Board for its approval or modification.

Notified the Board of the January 2023 Rescue, Inc member meeting and discussed Board attendance.

### **Old Business**

#### Beaver Issue on Jenckes Road

Nora Wilson, who brought this to the Board, was in attendance and based on contact with Fish & Wildlife, Nick reported that they could address the issue and install a Beaver Deceiver in the spring at minimal cost to the town. The Board agreed that this would be the best solution and directed Nick to proceed with Fish and Wildlife and present final plans to the Board for approval. All parties, Nora, the Board and Road Foreman agreed this was the best course of action.

Nora also reported that there were several areas on the Route 9 repairs that were not up to par. Andrew reported that he was aware of these issues and was already in contact with the State and the Route 9 contractors to fix the issues. He advised that he would report back on the status.

#### ACO Letter for C. Boston

To facilitate the service of an ACO notice to a Town resident, the Board produced and signed a letter providing Constable Clarence Boston with the authorities necessary to serve the letter.

**Adjourn Motion to adjourn 7:57p (Betts/Agate – Passed Unanimously)**