

## **Minutes**

### **Town Of Marlboro Regular Select Board Meeting**

**Thursday, April 13, 2023, 6:00pm**

Call to order @ 5:55pm

Attendees: James Agate – Chair; Molly Welch – Vice Chair; Jeff Skramstad – Member; Nick Morgan – SB Assistant/Town Administrator; Kate Kirkwood – Energy Committee, Residents: Gail MacArthur, Marcia Hamilton, Jennifer Mazer, Lisa Hecht, Melinda Combs, Jean Boardman

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

#### **Scheduled Business**

##### **Unscheduled Public Comment:**

Discussion of establishing a “Warming Center” at the MCC:

Gail noted that she came this evening to discuss establishing a “Warming Center” and the MCC and what that would entail. The major driver for this regards excessive weather events that cause extended power outages that can impact residents in terms of heat, access to water, access to keeping food from spoiling, a place to go to recharge devices, get warm, get something to eat, get fresh water, etc. Gail further noted that for this to be a reality some form of “stand-by” electrical generator would be needed. Gail said she had done some research already and that the GMP Power Walls are only good for 2-3 days and that an actual generator would be best. She noted she had gotten a rough cost estimate of around \$11,000 for an “automatic generator”.

Lisa Hecht, who had functioned in the past as the town’s EMD, noted that funding for this could be available through the Red Cross and/or the State. Nick noted that he would connect with Lisa and current EMD, Jay Sparks, to look into this. Nick also noted that he would work with Jay in the upcoming weeks to review the current town plan and also invite Jay to come to subsequent Board meetings to work through all these issues.

The sense of the Board was that this was an excellent project to pursue, and both thanked those residents pushing this project and thanked them for their efforts already and for any help moving forward they could or wanted to supply.

The issue of patching into the existing “automatic generator” at the Town Office was also discussed and the feasibility of this, both in terms of legal aspects of the MCC not being a town building and the ability of the existing generator to power both buildings. The Board noted that it would look into both of these issues.

Action items: Nick will invite Jay Sparks to 4/27/23 meeting and advise all interested parties if he will be able to attend on that date or another and Nick will work with Jay to locate the past emergency plans, working towards a new plan, taking all of this into account. Also, solicit his help in discovering funding sources for a generator.

#### **New Business**

##### **David Elliott Bird Bath memorial**

Melinda Combs approached the Board with a request to place a Bird Bath (small hand sculpture of a cupped hand) as a memorial to David Elliott on one of the rocks in the grass circle outside the Town Office. The Board took a short break to go outside and look at possible locations and agreed that this was a good thing.

Motion to approve the placing of the Bird Bath Memorial to David Elliott (Skramstad/Welch – Passed Unanimously) – Note: The Board agreed to check with Forrest before completing the installation.

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### Highway Discussion with Andrew:

Andrew was unable to attend this week, so his issues were tabled until the 4/27/23 meeting.

### Review of Insurance Companies Recommendation regarding the 3/14/23 Snowplow Accident

The Town's insurance company, through the VLCT, has reviewed everything and recommends that the Insurance company settle the incident with the claimant and just require approval from the Town to do so. Move to accept insurance companies' recommendation to settle the claim with the claimant regarding the Snowplow accident of 3/14/23 and have Nick advise the insurance company to do so. (Skramstad/Welch – Passed unanimously)

### Discussion of and filling out of the VT Hazard Mitigation Survey

The Board decided to table this discussion until a meeting where Jay Sparks (the Town EMD) could attend and provide direction.

### Driveway Permits

Move to approve and sign off on two driveway permits on the Mousseau property – (Skramstad/Welch – Passed unanimously)

Move to approve and sign off on driveway permit on the Wurzberger property – (Skramstad/Welch – Passed unanimously)

### Liquor Permits

Move to approve Pizzapalooza Outside Consumption Permit & 1<sup>st</sup> Class Restaurant/Bar License (Skramstad/Welch – Passed unanimously)

Move to approve VT Distilleries Outside Consumption Permit, 1<sup>st</sup> Class, & 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Restaurant/Bar License (Skramstad/Welch – Passed unanimously)

Move to approve BVO Hospitality Outside Consumption Permit, 1<sup>st</sup> Class, & 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Restaurant/Bar License (Skramstad/Welch – Passed unanimously)

### Marlboro Board/Commission/Committee Appointments

Prior to reviewing the appointments, Nick provided Select Board Chair with the document requested by the WRC “officially” designating the Town's representatives (Edith Mas & Will Shakespeare) to the WRC who were approved at a past meeting. SB Chair Jim Agate signed the document which Nick will submit to the WRC.

Move to approve Pieter Von Loon as the Marlboro Tree Warden (Welch/Skramstad – Passed unanimously)

Move to approve Steven John, Jean Boardman, & Bob Anderson to the DVFiber Board (Welch/Skramstad – Passed unanimously)

Move to approve three new members to the Energy Committee (Erika Korb, Robin MacArthur, & Ryan Williams). (Welch/Skramstad – Passed unanimously)

Move to approve the following persons for appointment to the Planning Commission with the term ending date as indicated: Edie Mas – 2024, Will Shakespeare - 2024, Tim Segar - TBD, Donald Sherefkin – 2025, Patti Smith, Jennifer Girouard – 2026, Brian Potter - 2027, Ryan Williams – 2027. (Welch/Skramstad – Passed unanimously)

Move to approve the following persons to the DRB: DRB – Steven John, Jean Boardman, Brent Seabrook, Gail MacArthur, John Nevins. (Skramstad/Welch – Passed unanimously)

Move to approve the appointment of the following people to 3-year terms on the Conservation Commission: Hannah Brookman, Lindy Corman (Co-chair), Emily Falta (Secretary), Eva Grimaldi (Chair), Hunter Jack, Lucia Marie, Mike Purcell. (Welch/Skramstad – Passed unanimously)

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### **Town Administrator Report**

On Recycling, Nick reported that Goodenough Trucking still has a shortage and could not take the Town back on at this time but will keep us in mind. Nick noted that Goodenough was less expensive and will continue to speak with them. Nick also reported that he has been in communication with the current hauler, TTT, to seek out potential cost reduction but has not heard back as of yet.

Nick reported that he is still awaiting final costs of signage for the Recycling area (“No Dumping/Marlboro Residents only” and “Area under Surveillance”) and would report back once received. Jim asked Nick to also roll in quotes for lighted, electronic speed signs for the Board to consider.

Nick also reminded the Board that Jesse Krietzer, who was the Board Chair the last time the contract for the National Grid Tower was negotiated would be coming to the 4/27 meeting to discuss his experience and his insights (see the below movement in current negotiations).

### **Old Business**

#### National Grid Tower Contract – Update:

Nick and Bob Fisher (Town Attorney) have been in touch and Bob has opened up conversations with National Grid via email and received an initial proposal that Nick has distributed to the Board. Mike Purcell and the HPC have some concerns that National Grid did not live up to the letter of the past agreement in the maintenance of the area. National Grid, in their correspondence, noted that they felt they had fulfilled their obligations. This will be a major point of discussion and Nick has requested Mike and the HPC to provide a detailed list of what they think has not been done but was agreed to. Further, on the financial remuneration to the town, further negotiation will be necessary as National Grid has proposed adding an additional 10 years to the existing contract with a full slate of rent for each five-year time frame. The Board requested Bob Fisher to attend the next meeting (4/27) so details could begin to be worked out.

Review and Approval of Dates for Recycling Meeting (5/13) and Pre-Warning Town Wide Info/Article suggestion meetings (9/16, 11/18, 12/16) at MCC – Start time 2:00pm

Move to hold a special meeting on Recycling on 5/13/23 @ 2p at the MCC & via ZOOM.  
(Welch/Skramstad – Passed unanimously)

Move to hold a series of special meetings to work on the Town Meeting Warning on 9/16, 11/18, & 12/16 @ 2p at the MCC & via Zoom. (Welch/Skramstad – Passed unanimously)

**Move to Adjourn @ 7:14p (Agate/Skramstad – Passed unanimously)**