

## **Minutes**

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

**Monday, April 17, 2023, 6:00pm**

Call to order @ 6:03pm

Attendees: James Agate – Chair; Molly Welch – Vice Chair; Jeff Skramstad – Member; Nick Morgan – SB Assistant/Town Administrator; Jean Boardman, Edith Mas - Residents

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

Identify Any Changes to Agenda: None

### **Scheduled Business**

#### **Discussion of National Opiate Settlement and whether Marlboro should participate or not.**

Nick outlined the current situation regarding the November 2022 National Opiate Settlement. Vermont State set 4/18/23 as the deadline for subdivisions (municipalities) to decide if they wanted to participate directly in the settlement. If electing to participate, the municipality would receive a portion of the settlement that must be used by the municipality in opiate remediation efforts (i.e., the funds cannot be conveyed to a charity or other organization but must be used by the municipality in its own efforts.

Should the municipality decide to not participate, their share of the settlement would be included in the State's abatement which already will receive 70% of the settlement, to be used for statewide efforts.

Nick further reported that he asked the state aides on the settlement, what an estimate of what Marlboro would receive and was advised that the Town would receive approximately \$100/year for the duration of the settlement (~10 years).

The Board reviewed the information Nick provided and noted that given the small amount that the Town would receive, it would be non-productive to participate and that it would be better use of the funds that the town would receive to be "returned" to the State becoming part of the general fund.

Motion: Move to not participate in the November 2022 Opiate Settlement as laid out by the State.  
(Skarmstad/Agate – Passed unanimously)

**Motion to adjourn 6:11p** – (Skarmstad/Agate – Passed unanimously)