

**TOWN OF MARLBORO, VERMONT**  
**~ Minutes of the Non-binding Informational Meeting ~**  
**MARLBORO PRE-TOWN MEETING ELECTION : Meeting 3 of 4**

**December 16, 2023 @ 3 pm in the  
Marlboro Community Center & by video conference**

Legal voters and interested persons are further warned and notified that an Informational Meeting (discussion and information, no voting) to prepare for the 2024 Town Meeting Election will meet in-person & via ZOOM on **Saturday, December 16, 2023**, from 3:00-4:00 pm at the Marlboro Community Center (in-person) or for those who prefer joining remotely via ZOOM, below is the following link and/or phone number:

Link: <https://Us02web.Zoom.us/j/89755939733> Meeting Id: 897 5593 9733

To Join by Phone: 1-646-558-8656

**Present:** Marlboro Select Board members Jim Agate, Molly Welch, Jeff Skramstad, Select Board Assistant & Town Administrator Nick Morgan, Town Clerk Forrest Holzapfel, Treasurer Linda Peters, Assistant Treasurer Rebecca Sevigny, Tim Segar, Staley McDermet, Nancy Anderson, Steven John, Michelle Holzapfel, Michael Schneider online: Marcia Hamilton, Don Fuhrman, Nancy Tognan, Lou Tognan, Jean Boardman, Gussie Bartlett

Called to order at 3:18 pm by Chair Jim Agate.

- No changes to the agenda identified. Town Administrator Nick Morgan pointed out that the meeting is being recorded and will be posted on the Select Board Soundcloud account next week. The last meeting in this series will be January 6, 2024.
- Opening remarks from Select Board outlining the process of how articles can be added to the Warning and then onto the Ballot for the voters to decide.
- Molly Welch began by going through the draft Warning as it currently exists article by article:
  - Articles 5, 6, and possibly 7 will be discussed in full at the January 6th meeting which will be centered on the Town and Road budget numbers
  - Forrest Holzapfel checked on Vermont law regarding terms for Constable, and law defines either 1 year or 2 year terms. To be considered as a separate article.
- MVFC Treasurer Michael Schneider spoke about the finances of the Fire Company and the need for funding to meet their expenses and growing need for equipment.
- Discussion of \$800 already existing in the Animal Resource Fund, and this article may not need to be raised for 2024.
  - Steven John spoke to the possibility of keeping the amount for future use...

- In-depth conversation about the groups of social service agencies grouped together on the ballot. At the last meeting, those present concluded that having the articles separate for the 2024 ballot is the most transparent way forward, offering more choice to the voters.
- Article 34 PLACE LANGUAGE for Zoning amendments in print for the polling place, have packets available, post outside office, and website – regs for posting
- Question from Michelle Holzapfel regarding the Town Report.
  - Question of creating an index to the ballot articles, so that finding content in the Town Report with references. Steven John supported the idea.
- Tim Segar said he signed a petition which requests Town Meeting going back to floor vote.
  - Forrest Holzapfel pointed out that there would need to be 6 petitions, three on the Town side and three on the School side. Each set of articles will need to address:
    - election of officers
    - all budget articles
    - public questions
- Tim Segar spoke about the Planning Commission's work with changing the Zoning Regulations to accommodate the mixed uses on the Potash Hill campus.
  - Upcoming meetings with the Planning Commission and Select Board
- Keats Diffenbach asked about the homestead and non-homestead tax rates
- Molly Welch stated that she appreciates people coming out to discuss these items and share in the process. January 6, 2024 will be the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned by Jeff Skramstad, seconded by Jim Agate at 4:13 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Forrest Holzapfel, Marlboro Town Clerk