

Draft Minutes
Town of Marlboro Select Board Meeting
Thursday, May 9, 2024 @ 6pm – Town Office & Via Zoom

BEGIN ZOOM RECORDING:

Call to Order @ 6:05pm
Guidelines of Conduct - Signed

Regular Select Board Meeting Agenda

Identify Any Changes to Agenda: None

Scheduled Business:

Unscheduled Open Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes from April 25, 2024 – Welch/Kirkwood – Passed unanimously.

Signature of Pay Orders – Done

Motion to enter Executive Session (6:07p) – Welch/Kirkwood – Passed unanimously.

Motion to return from Exec Session (6:54p) – Welch/Kirkwood – Passed unanimously.

New Business

Treasury Department:

Discussion on Delinquent Tax Collector (Evan Wyse) process tabled - to 5/23/24 meeting.

Appointment of New Assistant Treasurer – Lynn Scheuermann who was working in a temporary capacity was appointed to the position of Assistant Treasurer effective 4/29/24 by Acting Treasurer Rebecca Sevigny.

Motion: Approve salary for Assistant Treasurer (Lynn Scheuermann) at \$20/hr. (Welch/Skramstad – Passed unanimously).

*Compensation for Acting Treasurer Rebecca Sevigny – After discussion, Rebecca requested that her salary continue for the remainder of 2024 at her current rate of \$25/hr. **Motion: Approve Rebecca Sevigny’s salary at \$25/hr. for the remainder of 2024. (Welch/Skramstad – Passed unanimously)***

Diana Todd – HMPUC (Hogback Management Plan Update Committee):

Diana Todd, the head of the HMPUC, came before the Select Board to report on the activities of HMPUC and to discuss some future possibilities. The HMPUC has been working for almost a year on developing a management plan for a portion of Hogback Mountain that is owned by the Town of Marlboro. Diana went over the way Hogback is administered, with HMPUC being a sub-committee of the HPC, which in turn reports to the Select Board that takes final action on any plans. Diana also explained that the separate 501c3 group the Hogback Mountain Conservation Association (HMCA) who initially raised the funds to buy the land, and currently administrates a small endowment which “throws” off approximately \$5,000/yr. which the HMCA used to focus on programs, trails, and a website to make Hogback a popular activity spot. Diana also discussed that the current management plan which HMPUC is updating did not take into account the cost of some major maintenance tasks (i.e., The First Aid Building). In addition to dealing with the decrepit buildings on the land, Diana outlined that future projects include active Forest Management and general health (i.e., dealing with invasive species, etc.). Chair Molly Welch noted that she had heard of the possibility of funds for Carbon Sequestration through Forest Management. Her and Diana said they would investigate further. Diana also said that HMPUC is also looking at better parking facilities specifically for the Hogback land, and even creating trails that are wheelchair accessible. Finally, Diana and the Board discussed how to fund many of these projects, both short term and long. This aspect of the plan is in its very early stages and together with the Select Board determine the best course of action, one suggestion was to add an article to the next Town Meeting Warning an item to provide some funds from the Town, similar to how the Town supports the Marlboro Alliance and Community Center.

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Access to Fire Tower on Hogback via National Grid Tower Access Trail: Brian Renfro, Vermont State Lands Forester, came before the Board to request the use of the National Grid Access so that he and a couple of other workers could access the Fire Tower to effect repairs. Nick reported that he had been in touch with HPC Chair Mike Purcell, and Mike is okay with this plan, given that the trail is not too muddy and is in the right shape to handle the traffic. Mike noted to Nick that he will follow up with Brian on his return from trip and the Board had no objection and Brian agreed that even when given final approval he would be very cognizant of the road conditions and would do everything possible to maintain the trail in good condition.

Brent Seabrook & Art Exhibit alongside Town House: Brent came before the Board to request permission to erect a 6ft tall, 24ft long Art display on the grassy area alongside the Town House. The display is a set/series of pictures (on totally weather resistant medium) of local and area residents. The display is a celebration of Marlboro Residents and based on the samples Brent presented looks absolutely fabulous. The display will be put up near the end of July and remain in place through September. Brent noted that he would consistently maintain the display and would not allow it to be anything but a great work of art. **Motion: Approve the placement of Brent Seabrook's art display alongside the Town House from Late July through September. (Skramstad/Kirkwood – Passed unanimously)**

Marlboro Representatives to DVFiber: **Motion: Appoint Steven John as Marlboro, VT's representative to the DVFiber Board, and Jean Boardman & Bob Anderson as alternates for one-year terms each. (Skramstad/Welch – Passed unanimously)**

Old Business

Town Administrator Report:

ICS-402 Training – Nick reminded the Board of the upcoming VEM ICS-402 Emergency Management Training on 5/14/24.

Notice of Select Board discussions on Road Reclassification – The Board tabled this discussion until the next meeting when there was a better idea on the timing of these discussions.

FEMA Update: Nick reported that the Town's request has been moved to the final stage and is only waiting for the Town to report on the administrative time to be included in the funding request.

Garage Mold Update – In addition to the quote already in house from Serv Pro, two other companies (Quality Restoration and Catamount) have done their inspections and bids are expected the week of 5/13/24.

Motion to Adjourn @ 7:54p (Welch/Skramstad – Passed unanimously)