

Minutes**Town Of Marlboro Select Board Meeting****Thursday, May 8, 2025, 6:00pm**

Attendees: Jeff Skramstad – Vice Chair; Kate Kirkwood – Member; Nick Morgan – Town Admin/SB Assistant; Andrew Richardson – Road Supervisor (via Phone); David Manning, Jacob Smith – Residents.

Molly Welch was unable to attend but as Skramstad and Kirkwood were in attendance there was a quorum, so the meeting proceeded.

BEGIN ZOOM RECORDING:**Call to Order @ 6:00pm****Sign Guidelines of Conduct - Done****Regular Select Board Meeting Agenda**

Identify Any Changes to Agenda: None

Scheduled Business

Unscheduled Open Public Comment: Resident David Manning came before the Board with two issues:

1. Due to Road Work in the area (in and around Stratton Hill Road), David advised the Board (probably) due to Road vehicles backing up, turning around, etc. there were several “ruts” on his property most likely from these Road activities. As Andrew was not present at the time of these comments, David asked to have an item put on the 5/22/25 agenda to discuss and determine how to prevent a similar occurrence in the future (Nick advised he would do so). David also asked that the Highway Department come look at the problem and determine a solution, further requesting that “large” equipment not be used. The Board asked if David could send some pictures. *(Later in the meeting, when Andrew was in attendance by phone, Jeff noted that he and Andrew would go up to look at the issue early the following week.)*
2. David’s second topic concerned roadside mowing along his frontage on both Stratton Hill & Adams Brook Roads. David noted that he is officially requesting not to have mowing along his frontage which can damage flora on his property, and that he would maintain the area himself. He additionally noted that he did not want to put any “flagging” up and asked to please advise Andrew to not set up any mowing along his property line(s). Rather than continue further without Andrew present, all agreed to address the “mowing” issue at a subsequent meeting which would be scheduled, and the “ruts” issue would be investigated and a correction plan determined as well as any training that might be needed to not have it reoccur.

Approval of Minutes from April 24, 2025 (**Skramstad/Kirkwood – Passed unanimously**)

Signature of Pay Orders - Done

Document Signatures & Approvals

WRC Commissioner Appointments – Approved appointment of Patti Smith to the WRC board & signed document to be sent to the WRC (**Skramstad/Kirkwood – Passed unanimously**)**New Business**Highway Department (Andrew joined the meeting via phone call):

Jacob Smith & Turnpike Road Culvert Plan – Jacob Smith (Turnpike Road) – Jacob Smith has been speaking with Andrew about a plan to solve a road erosion issue at the intersection of Turnpike Road and MacArthur Road which impacts the Town road (heavy & dangerous icing) and needs to be addressed. Andrew advised that he has looked and priced out the cost of a culvert (60 feet) to handle the area which could cost in the realm of \$3,000, not including the excavation. Andrew also noted that as his equipment is currently involved in a time sensitive job on Adams Brook Road dictated by Vtrans regulations and grants, he is unable to get to this job in the near future. It was suggested that Andrew meet with Jacob and his construction team to see if they could do the job (under Andrew’s supervision), and Jacob could present the costs to the town who would then make the payments. While all acknowledged that while there may not be funds allocated in the current budget, the budget is just that, a budget, and Jeff asked Jacob to get a quote for his contractor (Kevin Sweeney) to do the job and that the town would handle the cost. Andrew agreed that he would speak with Jacob and Kevin early next week and work out the details.

New Business (continued)Highway Department (continued)

Discussion on Mobile Radio Communications in Town - Tabled

Prep for Upper Houghton Road Site Visit & Public Hearing on 5/22/25:

Nick reviewed the process for the site visit and public hearing on 5/22/25 for the Declassification of Upper Houghton Road: The site visit will be at 4:00p (meeting at Town Office and driving over together), followed by the Public Hearing scheduled for 5:30p prior to the regularly scheduled Select Board meeting. Bob Fisher will be in attendance and will write up the "Finding" once the Board hears any comments and makes a decision. Bob will also outline the follow-on process.

Declaration on Due Process:

Nick advised the Board that the Town had received a request from an organization to sign onto a Declaration presented by a Rutland resident who is sending this request to Vermont Towns, to produce a declaration stating that the Town is firmly in support of the right to Due Process as outlined in the US Constitution. Nick provided the Board with a letter from the Rutland resident and a sample declaration the Town of Rutland had put forward. The Board acknowledged the receipt of these and noted it would take the request under advisement.

Set up a schedule to invite Town Commissions/Committees in for report on activities:

Nick presented the Board with a plan to have the Town's commissions and committees come to the Board to discuss the status of their group(s), what they are working on, and what if anything they need from the Board to move forward with their goals. The Board advised Nick that this was a good idea and that these meetings should have quickly over the next few meetings, so that future sessions could be held near the end of the year as well as the Town ramps up towards the 2026 Town Elections and the attendant informational meetings. Nick advised that he would send out emails in the next week to organize the sessions.

Old BusinessTown Administrator Report:

Official Signed Agreement with DV Fiber – At the last SB meeting the Board agreed to a deal with DV Fiber for service at the Town Office and the payment of use for the Town's electric for their hub. Nick advised the Board that he had requested DV Fiber to provide a written agreement that could be reviewed and signed by the Board and further noted that he should have this in hand by the next meeting.

Recycling RFPs – Nick reported that the WSWMD had dramatically reduced their involvement in gaining better pricing for recycling services from area haulers, basically providing information to towns and having the towns send individual RFPs with the intent of having haulers see the individual RFPs and doing some form of group pricing anyway. Nick further noted that he will be sending RFPs to several haulers, but not as part of the WSWMD effort, focusing hopefully on a couple of haulers who have worked well with the town in the past and also trying to open up negotiations with Casella for reduced rates (possibly using a longer term contract as an impetus for lowering their rates). He advised he would provide an update at the next meeting.

Naming Ordinance Rewrite Process – Nick advised that he had been in touch with Bob Fisher (Town Attorney) who had read the revised ordinance and said it was good. Bob also outlined a somewhat streamlined process where the "hearing" on the ordinance could be incorporated into a regular meeting and then move forward with the comment period and final adoption. Nick noted that he would schedule the hearing for the 6/26/25 Select Board meeting to afford sufficient (30 days) notice time. The Board indicated to Nick to proceed.

Motion: Fining that premature knowledge of the topic that we need to discuss now would be deleterious to the public & town the Select Board deems it necessary to hold an Executive Session. & Motion: That we move into executive session to discuss personnel issues according to Vermont Statute 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1)(a) @ 6:30p (Skramstad/Kirkwood – Passed unanimously)

Executive Session**Motion to Return to Regular Session @ 7:00p (Skramstad/Kirkwood – Passed unanimously)**

Any actions arising out of Executive Session – None

Motion to Adjourn @ 7:01p (Skramstad/Kirkwood – Passed unanimously)