

Minutes

**Marlboro Select Board Meeting
Thursday, April 9, 2026, 6:00pm**

Attendees: Molly Welch – Chair, Jeff Skramstad – Vice-Chair; Kate Kirkwood – Member; Nick Morgan – Town Administrator/SB Assistant; Andrew Richardson - Road Supervisor; John Orkins – Road Crew; Rebecca Sevigny – Treasurer; Lynn Scheuermann – Asst Treasurer; Michael G – Resident.

BEGIN ZOOM RECORDING:

(Please note: As these minutes are not intended to be a “transcript” of the meeting, a complete Audio recording of the meeting can be found on the Town’s Soundcloud page here: <https://soundcloud.com/marlboro-select-board>).

Call to Order @ 6:00pm

Sign Guidelines of Conduct (Monthly Signing) - Done

Regular Select Board Meeting Agenda

Identify Any Changes to Agenda: None

Scheduled Business:

SB meet with New Road Crew Member John Orkins:

Road Supervisor, Andrew Richardson, introduced his new hire addition to the Road Crew, John Orkins. After a discussion about Mr. Orkins past experience and the Board welcoming him to the Marlboro Team, Mr. Orkins thanked the Board and took his leave from the meeting.

Unscheduled Open Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes from March 26, 2026 (**Welch/Skramstad – Passed unanimously**)

Signature of Pay Orders - Done

Document Signatures & Approvals: Having previously approved the documents presented for signature, the Board signed the following documents:

- **Vermont State Road Standards Certificate of Compliance**
- **Vermont Roads Grants-in-Aid Program Letter of Intent for 2027 (FY)**
- **Marlboro’s Updated Road Standards Ordinance – Adopted on 3/26/26.**

New Business

Treasurer – Quarterly Report (1st Qtr. 2026):

Treasurer, Rebecca Sevigny, along with Assistant Treasurer, Lynn Scheuermann, presented the first quarter report on town and highway expenses, revenue, and budget. Ms. Sevigny went through each line account, noting where applicable any situations they may have caused an under or over budget occurrence. The Board was very satisfied with the presentation and with the overall status of the Town’s finances as Ms. Sevigny reported that the Town was well situated with the budget, with forward expectations that the Town will be very in-line with the 2026 budget for both the Town and the Highway. Ms. Sevigny also reported that she would be posting the quarterly report on the Treasurer’s page of the Town website once it’s formatting was completed.

Reminder of 4/11/26 Informational Meeting with GMP:

Town Administrator, Nick Morgan, reminded the Board, that the Board will be hosting GMP representatives on Saturday, from 2-4p in the Town House, to review the plans for their Summer 2026 Grid Resiliency project in Marlboro, hear from the residents on concerns about the work, and also review any issues remaining from the Summer 2025 project along Ames Hill Road.

New Business (continued)Highway Update:

Further discussion on handling Beaver Conflict impacting Jenckes Road – Mr. Richardson reported that he remains in contact with abutting residents and that the problem does not seem to be going away, and if anything, the Beavers are increasing their activities, potentially impacting the road(s). Mr. Richardson noted that he had contacted many State biologists to see if the State had any solutions but reported that he was met with no new information or actions that could be taken. Mr. Morgan advised that he would reach out to the University of Vermont to see if they had any specialty in local fauna, which may encompass Beavers and could provide the Town with some options. SB Chair, Molly Welch, proposed the possibility of very robust “deceivers” that could be effectively regularly cleaned (maintenance contract), further noting that she, during an online search, had found out of North Central Massachusetts that she would be researching further to find out the capabilities, costs, and willingness to work with Marlboro. The Board briefly discussed the costs of more radical efforts (i.e. bridge), but realized that these options are/were incredibly expensive for Town Taxpayers, and as such would be put on the back burner for now.

Next Steps on potential Marlboro Roads – “Limited Maintenance” - The Board took up the question of progress on figuring out the details should it be deemed appropriate to move several of Marlboro’s sparsely populated Class 3 Roads to a “Limited Maintenance” status that would preserve their Class 3 status but put less demand on the Highway Department for constant maintenance which would save the Highway Department and the Town a significant amount of time and money. Mr. Richardson advised that he is still working on the details of what this would mean, and Mr. Morgan presented a listing of “next steps” to establish a process for designating those roads, what sort of public hearings would need to be held, and what the appeal process would look like. As many questions remain, all in attendance agreed to continue working on the issue as well as consulting with the Town Attorney as to what actions are required by statute. Mr. Morgan advised that he would continue to schedule discussions for upcoming Select Board meetings and work out a schedule for finalizing a Select Board decision.

Old BusinessTown Administrator Report:

Advise Public Notice on Road Standards – Mr. Morgan advised the Board that the Public Notice regarding the Updated Road Standards Ordinance had been posted in the 4/9/26 edition of the Reformer (per statute) and that this action along with posting the ordinance on the Town Bulletin Board, inside the Town Office, on both Marlboro Facebook Pages, Front Porch Forum, and the Town’s Website, complied with statute and started the clock on the 44-day petition process as well as the 60-day clock for the ordinance to become effective.

Volunteers Fair – Mr. Morgan advised the Board that several Town residents were organizing a “Volunteer Fair” for mid-May to work to inform residents of what volunteer opportunities there were in town, both with Town Commissions as well as the social and assistance organizations such as the Marlboro Alliance, etc.

General Updates – The Emergency Management team of Jay Sparks, Keats Dieffenbach, and Nick Morgan have met to review Marlboro’s LHMP and update Marlboro’s LEMP. Mr. Morgan reported that he would provide the Board with the LEMP at the 4/23/26 meeting for their review and approval. Regarding the LHMP, the team has identified a need for Marlboro to possibly have a Flood Mitigation Administrator in order to provide more coverage and information for not only the Board, but Town Residents as well. It was also advised that this might be a good addition to the new Zoning Administrator’s duties as much of the Flood parameters do fall under the Town’s Zoning By-Laws. All agreed that further discussion on this was warranted as well as more information and guidance from the WRC.

Executive Session – none needed.

Motion to Adjourn @ 7:30p (Welch/Skramstad – Passed unanimously)