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SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

January 19, 2021

Selectman Paight stated, as Acting Chairman of the Marlborough Board of Selectmen, I find that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically.

Let's start the meeting by taking a roll call attendance. When each member states their presence, please also state whether there is anyone in the room with you during the meeting, which is required under the Right-to-Know law.

Roll call attendance:

Chairman Pitt	Not present
Selectman Paight	Yes – Present on Zoom
Selectman Nelson	Yes – Present on Zoom

No one else in the room

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm. Also present in the Zoom meeting were Ellen Smith, Town Administrator, Bob Hayden of Standard Power, Marge Shepardson, Patric Roche and Mary Ewell.

The meeting began with a Community Power Presentation. Discussion followed which included the steps necessary to implement the program and a general timeline. The Selectmen saw this as a 2021 project that if it were to go to Town Meeting it would be on the 2022 warrant.

At 6:00 pm, George Sansoucy and Chairman Pitt joined the meeting and Mr. Hayden, Mr. Roche and Ms. Ewell left the meeting.

Mr. Sansoucy was here to discuss the process for utility valuations in light of HB700 which established a new valuation formula. By engaging Mr. Sansoucy, it is believed that the Town's utility valuations will be increased so significantly that it will outweigh the cost to have the work done. A draft contract will be forthcoming. Mr. Sansoucy left the meeting at 7:05 pm.

Motion to enter Nonpublic Session made by Selectman Nelson, seconded by Selectman Paight, under RSA 91-A:3, II(b) The hiring of any person as a public employee. Roll Call vote to enter nonpublic session Chairman Pitt – yes, Selectman Paight – Yes, Selectman Nelson – Yes, motion passed. Entered nonpublic session at 7:05 pm.

Public session reconvened at 8:15 pm. Motion made to seal these minutes made by Selectman Nelson, seconded by Selectman Paight because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely render a proposed action ineffective. Roll Call Vote to seal minutes Chairman Pitt – yes, Selectman Paight – Yes, Selectman Nelson - Yes, motion passed.

The Board then discussed the final draft contract with Consolidated Communications for the Broadband Project and since all items being negotiated have been settled the public relations portion of the project may begin. The Board will schedule the 2 Public Hearings to discuss the public benefit, as well as schedule the bond hearing.

Selectman Nelson moved and Selectman Paight seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 pm, roll call vote Chairman Pitt – yes, Selectman Paight – yes and Selectman Nelson – yes.

Respectfully submitted

Ellen Smith, Town Administrator