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SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

July 8, 2020

Ms. Pitt stated, as 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	Yes – Present on conference call	No one else in the room
Selectman Paight	Yes – Present on conference call	No one else in the room
Selectman Nelson	Yes – Present in the Town Office	

The Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am. Present was Ellen Smith, Town Administrator and Craig Cashman, DPW Director.

The Board was updated on the following items:

- Carol Mackie from Consolidated Communications will be dropping off a letter stating that the old poles associated with the project on Old Dublin Road will be removed after all lines are relocated to new poles.
- The new dump/plow truck is to be delivered to Reed Truck shortly. It will then be taken to HP Fairfield. We hope to have it in service by October 1, 2020.
- The roller needs some substantial repairs. It will cost approximately \$6,000 to send it out for repair or about \$2,500 if we do some of the work in house. The Board agrees that whatever can be done in house should be.
- There was a sinkhole on Pleasant Street over the holiday weekend. In order to get it repaired immediately, Matt Patnode brought his son Logan to help with the fix. Apparently, Harry Patnode is no longer working the same number of part-time hours as he has been and seems interested in retiring all together. The Board asked that the job be posted but use Logan if necessary.
- The information on the drainage project on Jewett Street was sketched out on the easement plans and forwarded to Dubois & King (D&K) as requested last week. D&K stated that this project will need to be a coordinated effort and will be added as an addendum to the project.

Chairman Pitt has a meeting with Justin Frazier and TA Smith to discuss getting the easements executed.

- Last year Canada Street was paved very late in the year and some of the material came up during the winter when plowing. DPW Director Cashman did bring this to the Board's attention earlier in the year but no decision was made. The Board has now decided to go ahead and fix it, the Town will pay for the material and Arlington will not charge us for the labor.
- Line painting will occur shortly when the weather cooperates.

The group then discussed yesterday's public hearing on the work to be done on Old Dublin Road by Eversource. The Selectmen want to know the following:

- How many poles are on the properties owned by Velez and Longacre?
- What is the date of completion?
- Eversource and Consolidated communications need to have representation present at the continued public hearing next week and need to have these loose ends tied up before the Board can make a decision.

Mr. Cashman left the meeting at 11:10 am.

The Board then revisited the Chief's proposals for replacing a cruiser this year. The general consensus is that the units being proposed are significantly more expensive than previously purchased vehicles and the vehicle preferred by the Police Department is the hybrid which does not have a proven track record since it is the first year of production. TA Smith was directed to email the Chief explaining the Board's position and ask if he would please get a quote for the Dodge Durango which is another SUV option. If the only options the Board has at the moment are significantly more expensive, we may need to modify the amount raised and appropriated at future Town Meetings. The Board wanted to emphasize that they appreciate Officer Nickerson's input and will certainly reconsider the purchase a cruiser in the near future.

There will be a walk through of the Town Office building by Chairman Pitt, Selectman Nelson, Building Inspector Mike Wilber and TA Smith tomorrow at 11:00 am to consider what modifications can be made to the facilities to allow for appropriate social distancing and other COVID-19 concerns.

Selectman Paight moved and Selectman Nelson seconded a motion to approve the July 9, 2020 Accounts Payable Register in the amount of \$665,763.05, Payroll Check Register in the amount of \$856.98 and the Direct Deposit Register in the amount of \$8,370.33. Further, to have Selectman Nelson sign the manifests on behalf of the Board. Roll call vote Chairman Pitt – Yes, Selectman Paight – Yes, Selectman Nelson – Yes, motion passed.

Selectman Paight moved and Selectman Nelson seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 23, 2020 and July 1, 2020. Roll call vote Chairman Pitt – Yes, Selectman Paight – Yes, Selectman Nelson – Yes, motion passed.

Selectman Paight moved and Selectman Nelson seconded a motion to approve the following items and further to have Selectman Nelson sign on behalf of the Board:

- Building Permit Application Map 14-002
- Building Permit Application Map 05-033
- Building Permit Application Map 07-050

Roll call vote Chairman Pitt – Yes, Selectman Paight – Yes, Selectman Nelson – Yes, motion passed.

TA Smith provided the following updates:

The State will be providing personal protective equipment for the September primary and the November election. The Emergency Management Director will be contacted by the State as to when the items will be available for pick-up.

Ellen Orkins reports that 85% of the 1st issue tax was collected by the due date as compared to 86% last year.

Chairman Pitt moved and Selectman Nelson seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 am, Roll Call Vote Chairman Pitt - Yes, Selectman Paight – Yes, Selectman Nelson - Yes, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Smith
Town Administrator