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SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

December 17, 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 on conference call	No one else in the room

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm. Also present in the Zoom meeting was Ellen Smith, Town Administrator.

TA Smith was approached by NHDOT about the Town's procedure for clearing sidewalks along the state roads. Currently, some of the snow removed from the sidewalk's lands back in the state road, this cannot continue. The options for the Board to consider are to discontinue winter maintenance of the sidewalks or develop a plan that removes the snow completely, this would involve a snow dump, or a place to put the snow. Selectman Paight moved and Selectman Nelson seconded a motion to continue clearing the sidewalks in Town, vote to approve was unanimous. TA Smith will work with DPW Director Cashman to develop a Winter or Inclement Weather Maintenance Policy that will outline the processes involved with snow removal.

Selectman Paight moved and Selectman Nelson seconded a motion to appoint Deb Reynolds to the Building Advisory Committee as the representative of the Friends of the Frost Free Library instead of Jackie Leahy, vote to approve was unanimous.

Chairman Pitt received correspondence from a resident on Troy Road expressing frustration over the lack of fast, reliable internet service. Unfortunately, the Town does not govern the current options available for internet services, however,

Chairman Pitt will reply with an explanation of the progress being made to bring a warrant article forward to Town Meeting for broadband.

The Board discussed the School Board's latest email and are interested in Chairman Miller arranging a tutorial of the school budgeting process with the Business Manager of the SAU, Scott Lazarro. Chairman Pitt will respond.

TA Smith received a call from Robert Hayden of Standard Power who currently oversees a group of municipalities in the area that pool their electricity and use the combined buying power to get better rates. He would like to speak with the Board about Community Power. TA Smith will schedule a time for him to join a Selectmen's Zoom Meeting and invite Marge Shepardson who has also been interested in Community Power.

There was a discussion about the upcoming budget schedule and that the Public Hearings will most likely be via Zoom. The Town may need to increase the subscription to accommodate additional attendees.

Selectman Paight moved and Selectman Nelson seconded a motion to approve Sergeant Byam's request to carry forward his 30 hours of unused vacation time to 2021, vote to approve was unanimous.

Selectman Nelson moved and Selectman Paight seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes of December 8, 2020 and December 11, 2020, vote to approve was unanimous.

Selectman Paight moved and Selectman Nelson seconded a motion to approve the December 17, 2020 Accounts Payable Register in the amount of \$392,753.09, the Payroll Check Register in the amount of \$263.15 and the Direct Deposit Register in the amount of \$9,498.80, vote to approve was unanimous.

The Board reviewed the draft Memorandum of Understanding to use the community House as the primary emergency shelter, TA Smith will forward it to Larry Robinson for review.

Selectman Nelson moved and Selectman Paight seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm, vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted

Ellen Smith, Town Administrator