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SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

March 25, 2021

Chairman Paight 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 Paight	Yes – Present on Zoom	No one else in the room
Selectman Pitt	Yes – Present on Zoom	No one else in the room
Selectman Nelson	Yes – Present on Zoom	No one else in the room

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am. Also present in the Zoom meeting was Ellen Smith, Town Administrator.

Chairman Paight gave a review of yesterday's Building Advisory Meeting. The Frost Free Library Addition and Renovation Project is in the design phase. Due to the passage of time and the special market conditions created by COVID-19 it is estimated that the overall project cost may have increased by 20%. After some discussion, the Board agreed that the project is at a pivotal point where a decision needs to be made, do we continue through the design phase with the current project and consider pushing out bidding and construction until the market stabilizes or should the project be downsized to bring it into line with the fundraising? Chairman Paight will reach out to the Committee and schedule a meeting for next week to discuss this matter before the next meeting with the architects.

Selectman Pitt moved and Selectman Nelson seconded a motion to accept the proposal by The Lawson Group for hazardous materials inspection and testing ahead of construction in the amount of \$1,200 and further, to have Chairman Paight sign the proposal on behalf of the Board, roll call vote Chairman Paight – yes, Selectman Pitt – yes and Selectman Nelson – yes, motion passed.

Selectman Nelson moved and Selectman Pitt seconded a motion to approve the March 25, 2021 Accounts Payable Register in the amount of \$263,152.74, the Payroll Check Register in the amount of \$239.65 and the Direct Deposit Register in the amount of \$10,322.88, roll call vote Chairman Paight – yes, Selectman Pitt – yes and Selectman Nelson – yes, motion passed.

Selectman Pitt moved and Selectman Nelson seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes of March 18, 2021 roll call vote Chairman Paight – yes, Selectman Pitt – yes and Selectman Nelson – yes, motion passed.

Selectman Pitt moved and Selectman Nelson seconded a motion to appoint Gene McDonald to a three year term on the Zoning Board of Adjustment and David Fairfield to a three year term as Sexton, roll call vote Chairman Paight – yes, Selectman Pitt – yes and Selectman Nelson – yes, motion passed.

Selectman Pitt moved and Selectman Nelson seconded a motion to enter into electricity supply contracts with Constellation NewEnergy, Inc at a rate of 6.4 cents/kw hr from April 8, 2021 to November 3, 2021 at which time we would become part of a larger buying group and to continue the contract with Standard Power to act as the town's Default Service Administrator which includes the hydro power reimbursements when applicable, and further, to have Chairman Paight sign the contracts on behalf of the Board, roll call vote Chairman Paight – yes, Selectman Pitt – yes and Selectman Nelson – yes, motion passed.

The insurance appraiser filed his report with PRIMEX on the Sterling plow/dump. PRIMEX will cover 50% of the cost to replace the plow due to the age of the plow that was damaged. Mr. Cashman did obtain three quotes, one of which is for replacement with the same plow which will be able to be fitted to a new dump/plow in the future. The Board agreed to have Mr. Cashman purchase the plow through Henderson's for \$9,700. TA Smith will finalize the claim with PRIMEX.

TA Smith prepared a letter to state legislators regarding the passing of the petition warrant article at Town Meeting that urges them to assure fair and effective mapping of political districts. Chairman Paight will sign the letters on behalf of the Board.

Peter Switzer is requesting that the Daniel Webster Council-BSA be granted permission to use the pavilion, the Allen Family Forest and the lower ball fields for their annual cub scout day camp, August 2, 2021 – August 7, 2021. The Board asked TA Smith to reach out to the School Board Chairman to confirm that all school materials would be removed and the site cleared after the end of the school year.

Selectman Nelson moved and Selectman Pitt seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:34 pm, roll call vote Chairman Paight – yes, Selectman Pitt – yes and Selectman Nelson – yes.

Respectfully submitted

Ellen Smith, Town Administrator