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SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES May 28, 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 of May 26, 2021 was recessed and is being reconvened at 10:00 am. Also present in the Zoom meeting was Ellen Smith, Town Administrator.

The Board continued their discussion of the broadband project and what federal money may become available down the road. If we wait to see what happens the benefit to the townspeople who sign up for the service would be a reduced monthly infrastructure fee from Consolidated Communications Inc (CCI). Selectman Pitt and TA Smith had a Zoom meeting with Jeff McIver and Rob Koester of CCI yesterday. In that meeting the different options were discussed. The bottom line is that there is very little information about what funding may be available, what strings would be attached and what the application and qualification processes would be like. CCI said they knew less about this recent development than the towns do. They stressed that they will work with the town and are able to be very flexible when it comes to timing and funding. The NHMBB needs a decision by June 21, 2021. The Board is tentatively planning to move forward with the project and the bond funding as was presented and voted on at Town Meeting. They believe that Marlborough wants broadband sooner rather than later and delaying construction would not be favorable. If by chance any guidance or clarification of the matching grant legislation

is received before June 21, 2021, the Board can still decide to change the amount of the bond.

TA Smith received a scope of work and quote from Randy Rhoades of M&W Soils Engineering to dig six test pits at the Frost Free Library site to investigate the underground tunnel, the headwalls on Library Way and the soil makeup and water table on the Pleasant Street side of the building. It was agreed that this service was needed to move forward with the decision making on the location of the addition. Selectman Nelson moved and Selectman Pitt seconded a motion to move forward with the proposal from M&W Soils Engineering in the amount of \$2,700, roll call vote Chairman Paight – yes Selectman Pitt – yes and Selectman Nelson – yes, motion passed. TA Smith will notify Mr. Rhoades of the Board's decision and let interested parties know when the work is scheduled.

Selectman Pitt moved and Chairman Paight seconded a motion to appoint Earl Nelson to be the Ex Officio member of the Planning Board effective immediately through March 31, 2022, roll call vote Chairman Paight – yes Selectman Pitt – yes and Selectman Nelson – yes, motion passed. The Ex Officio is supposed to be rotated between Select Board Members which has not been done for some time.

Selectman Pitt moved and Selectman Nelson seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 pm, roll call vote Chairman Paight – yes Selectman Pitt – yes and Selectman Nelson – yes, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted
Ellen Smith, Town Administrator