

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 17, 2019, 9:00 a.m., Old Schoolhouse Common

Present: Selectboard members Richard Baker, Laurie Colgan (via telephone); Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Rich Phillips

At 9:00 a.m. the meeting was called to order by Richard Baker.

Rich Phillips explained that the Marshfield and Plainfield energy committees would like to submit an application for the Vermont Climate Economy Initiative's Model Communities Program. This program is led by the Vermont Council on Rural Development in partnership with Efficiency Vermont and several utility companies.

Two communities are selected each year. If selected, we would do outreach and brainstorming about what we can do to fight climate change and benefit our economy. There would be public meetings, projects would be identified, and implemented. The work would be done by the energy committees and their climate action team. The leaders would be Rich Phillips and Bob Atchison. They would ask that the Selectboard attend the public meetings. Rich Phillips will keep the Selectboard updated. Rich Baker will be the Selectboard lead.

Money would be needed for mailings, copying, printing, advertising, and a community dinner. The costs would be split with Plainfield. The Energy Committee has a \$500 budget and another \$500 set aside in an energy fund. Rich Phillips stated that this would be enough to cover the costs; any shortfall would be made up through fundraising.

Bobbi asked which Treasurer would be responsible – Marshfield or Plainfield. That hasn't been decided yet. She asked who would do the mailings. It hasn't been decided yet.

Laurie asked what projects other towns have undertaken. Rich Phillips indicated that some towns used the program to establish an energy committee, do weatherization, and other projects that we have already accomplished. He feels that this program would help decide what is next for Marshfield and Plainfield.

Laurie is concerned about the drain on Bobbi's time. Rich Phillips doesn't think it will take much time, because the energy committee will do the work.

Laurie asked Rich Baker if he sees any other challenges. He doesn't see any down side, noting the budget won't be impacted because it has already been finalized. No money will be coming to the Town, just services and staff support.

Rich Baker moved to support the application. Laurie seconded – all in favor. Rich Baker signed a letter of support on behalf of the Town.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the January 17, 2019 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
