

## **SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES**

### **Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 6:00 PM**

Those present were: Mike Hogan, Fred Ducharme, Jack Daniels, Bernie Shatney, Steve Godin, Joshua BenCanaan, Trisha Scribner, Skip Bothfeld, Dean Deasy, Frank Kampf, Jan Westervelt, Lori Augustyniak, Mayo Nunn, Jeanne Johnson, Aldo Nunn, Terri Nunn, Rich Aronson, Michelle Leclerc, and Betty Ritter

1. The meeting was called to order by Mike at 6:00 pm Ted Domey is not attending due to illness.
2. Approve the Agenda - A motion was made by Fred and seconded by Jack. Mike wanted to know if there were any additions or corrections. Betty would like to add the minutes of February 12<sup>th</sup>, to number 3. Motion passed with the addition.
3. Approve Minutes from:
  - a. February 6, 2018 Budget/Ordinance Meeting – Jack 1<sup>st</sup> Bernie 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passed
  - b. February 8, 2018 Emergency Selectboard Meeting – Fred 1<sup>st</sup>, Bernie 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passed
  - c. February 12, 2018 Rec Comm. Meeting – Jack 1<sup>st</sup>, Fred 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passed.
4. Public Comment – Frank Kampf would like to set up a meeting with CCA and the Selectboard with Fairweather Consulting on his draft Town plan. This will be on March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting at 5:00 p.m. before the Selectboard meeting.
5. Purchase of Property at 2466 Main Street – Mike gave a chronological order of events leading towards the purchase of the property on 2466 Main Street. Mayo Nunn and Tricia Scribner asked many questions where the deposit and the funding will come from. Mike informed them the different ways they plan on getting funding for this project. Discussion was made regarding the purchase of this property and where the funding is coming from. Terri Nunn asked questions regarding the property. Jack responded to her questions. Skip Bothfeld, Cabot Fire Chief, informed us that the State has informed them that they are not able to build or add on at the current location Dean Deasy, Assistant Fire Chief, shared some thoughts on the fire department land and procedures for being a good neighbor and wanted to assure everyone that we will hear everyone's concerns with the process.
  - a. Ratify Purchase – A motion to ratify the purchase was made by Jack that the Selectboard authorize the purchase of 2466 Main Street for \$95,000 with a second by Fred. The motion passed.
  - b. Borrowing of Money - Jack moved that we ratify the purchase of the property using the reserve funds from the ambulance and fire department and to execute a loan or grant from CCIF with a second by Fred. Motion passed with Bernie abstaining. The real estate agent stated that it may close by the end of the month, but no later than March 16, 2018.
6. Rec Committee/Trails – Richard Hourihan would like to discuss the trails but he didn't attend. Jack sent the Selectboard members a letter he would like to send the Rec Committee. Jack read the letter to the Selectboard following the February 12 meeting with them. The Selectboard would like the Rec Committee to comply with the open meeting law, with a meeting held monthly or bi-monthly, to pay for the tasks not the coordinator and move to length of terms, and that the Athletic Director and the Rec Committee Chair not be the same person. The Selectboard believes it's a conflict of interest. Jack would like to make a Trails Committee that would report to the Selectboard and passed out some information from Jericho, VT that has a trails committee.

7. Update on Dog Complaint – A dog complaint between Jessica Miller and Paul and Rhonda Coates. The Coates would like to dispute the complaint and want to have a hearing. This will be set for March 22, 2017 for dog complaint at 5 pm.
8. Cabot Chronicle – Jeanne Johnson, Frank Kampf and Lori Augustyniak discussed with the Selectboard that this is the last Chronicle printing for the year due to the budget. They can't sell enough advertising per paper to cover the cost to run the paper monthly. The CCA has run out of money for all the items that need to be paid. CCA is thinking about putting together a working group to restructure the chronicle. Mike suggested a web addition. It's not the printing cost but the staff is more expensive. Lori is thinking about the Chronicle and where it is going for the next ten years. The Coalition started the newspaper 10 years ago and Todd Jones and Jeanne Johnson kept it going when the Coalition dispersed. Lori will come back to the Selectboard with any plans they will have to keep the Chronicle going.
9. Lister's Certificate – Jeanne has a lister's certificate to be signed by the Selectboard saying we have no appeals to the 2017 Grand List. A motion was made by Bernie and seconded by Jack, motion carried.
10. Town Meeting Review – Town meeting is March 6<sup>th</sup> and we contacted everyone to make sure that there will be someone from each committee for the meeting to respond to questions. The Conservation Committee would like to add one more member to their committee. Karen will notify the Selectboard of who is interested. Jack would like to do certificates or acknowledge people for the committee members who are leaving.
11. Public Meeting with Legislators – February 26, 6:00 pm along with a potluck - Kitty Toll, Janet Ansel, and possibly other committee members from the legislature.
12. Water/Wastewater
  - a. Update on water line project – a good turn-out for the pre bid information this morning. Bids will be opened on March 8, 2018. Karen will notify the Selectboard of the time.
13. Road Commissioner
  - a. Highway Financial Plan – A 6-month budget and a 12-month budget to Vtrans. Karen explained the report that the Town needs to spend \$300/mile, which we do. Jack moved that we certify the 6-month financial plan for January 1 through June 30, 2018, with a second by Fred, motion carried. Jack motioned that we accept and certify the July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 annual financial plan with a second by Fred. Motion carried. Mike asked Aldo regarding the sand level and he felt that it was pretty good. Aldo also discussed other places they could get the sand if they needed more.
  - b. Loader bids – Karen discussed the loader bids. Jack moves that the Selectboard lease the Komatsu WA270-8. through the period ending June 30, 2018 and exercise the option to buy on June 30, 2018. Fred 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed, Bernie abstained.
  - c. Reclassification Roads – Karen discussed the roads that are short and wander into a trail. Karen would like to send a letter to all of the landowners regarding to turn into a Private Road or a Legal Trail in March. There will also be meetings to discuss these. No decision on this and it was tabled this until next meeting.
14. Town Clerk's Office
  - a. Orders - done
  - b. Water Line of Credit Approval – Passumpsic Savings Bank Line of Credit was signed by the Selectboard.

- c. Other business – The contract from HUD is ready. Betty discussed the process of the purchase. The closing should be by the end of the month and our attorney is working with the closing attorney.

15. Other Business

- a. Aldo has complaints about Recycle Center. There isn't any room to get to their equipment and items are missing. Jack would like to have a sketch done on changing the layout. Aldo also asked about getting another building to hold the material that is at the Recycle Center.
- b. Mike and Bernie talked about the water and heat in the bathroom at the Masonic Hall that the Masons use for their restroom. Fred said he will check it out. Bernie mentioned that the fuel tanks need to go downstairs and they are blocking the outside upstairs entrance.

16. Adjourn – A motion was made by Fred and seconded by Bernie to adjourn. Motion carried. And the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Ritter, Town Clerk/Treasurer