

SELECTBOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2018 at 6:00 PM

Those attending: Michael Hogan, Fred Ducharme, Jack Daniels, Will Ameden, Rich Aronson, Daria Babbitt, Andrew Gilbert, Frank Kampf, Jhanna Thibault, Richard Hourihan, Karen Deasy, Jeff Haslett, Charles Marian, Paul Secker, Michelle Lederer, and Betty Ritter

1. Call meeting to order 6:00 pm. There are three Selectboard present which represents a quorum.
2. Approve Agenda – Jack moved that we approve the agenda with a second by Fred. Betty wanted to add Val Covell-Health Officer for the Town to give a Health Report. Under other business, Karen added discussing a request for rental space in the old sawmill, and she also wanted to share some information on a response from Mike Tarrant- Town legal counsel. Jack motioned that we accept the amended agenda with a second by Fred, motion passed. Moved the water and wastewater section to after public comments.
3. Public Comment:
 - a. Andrew Gilbert talked about Old Route 2 having the sand removed. Karen indicated that it is in the schedule but not sure of the date, but it will be soon.
 - b. Val Covell, Health Officer, is requesting an ordinance for the dumps in people's yards. She has had two calls on the garbage on the front of the lawns and rats on properties that have visited neighbors. She can force them to remove the garbage but can't force them move the mattresses, tires or vehicles. Jack would like for the SB to make it their #1 priority to create a new ordinance regarding this on-going problem.
4. Approve Minutes:
 - a. May 1, 2018, Selectboard Meeting – Jack moved that we accept the minutes, with a second by Fred, motion passed.
 - b. Road Classification Walk - Jack moved that we accept the minutes with one addition that on highway 15, no landowners were present, with a second by Fred. Motion passed.
 - c. Public Hearing, on Ordinances, May 8, 2018 – Jack moved that we accept the minutes, with a second by Fred, motion passed.
5. Water and Wastewater –
 - a. Karen: Update on the Danville Hill project. The message board will be updated when needed. Daria Babbitt wondered about letting the residents thru. Karen said they are letting people on that road go thru but they might have to wait a few minutes. She also asked how long the project will be with the road closed. Paul Secker lives on the end of Menard Road and discussed his haying situation and the need to move his hay after being cut and wrapped. Karen will give him the contractor's number to make sure that gets through.

Jack would like better detour signs. He would also like to have the signs turned off when the road is closed or if the sign is digital that they could change the sign stating that the road is open.

Jeff Haslett discussed the communications on the Danville Hill Road project. He also said getting through on that road is better than the notice that was sent out regarding the road closure. He handed out a flyer that he drafted and he also is willing to help with any communications. He was also concerned about the water pressure. Karen said the pressure will be adjusted with the water project and they will be sure to check on his pressure when the project is completed. Fred stated because the lines will be bigger this should automatically increase his pressure.

Richard Aronson commented on the communications and notifying the community.

Change allocations on Gwen Hallsmith to one of the properties that were sold to Monique Gerbex. Jack makes the motion to approve one allocation at Headwaters Lane, with a second by Fred, motion passed.

Karen is talking with Jim Brimblecombe about moving the control panel in the Wastewater Plant and updating it. The bathroom will only be accessible to recycle center workers only.
6. Adopt Ordinances: Control of Dogs & Wolf Hybrids and Commercial Public Assembly – Mike discussed the ordinances. Mike asked if there were any additional changes that need to be made to the dog ordinance. Rich Aronson thinks we should hand out a Dog Ordinance with every license.

Mike discussed the email that Amy Hornblas sent regarding a question that came up to the town for any ordinances be approved by a vote by the town's people. Mike has asked the town attorney to review it. After the ordinance has been signed it will take 60 days before it will be active. Jack would like to make a motion to adopt the Town of Cabot Vermont Control of Dogs & wolf Hybrids with a second by Fred, motion passed.

Commercial Public Assembly Ordinance – Mike discussed the process. Richard Hourihan, Richard Aronson and Jhanna Thibault all agree that there is a grey area on 500 people being an admission or ticketed fee at one moment. Jhanna was wondering why the Selectboard chose to do an ordinance and not a conditional use permit. Jack discussed the process why the Selectboard chose to go

in this direct for a large group gathering.

Johanna says there has been communications issues in the Town of Cabot. Johanna would like to have it posted in the Hardware Store and the Village Store. Richard Aronson would like to figure out a way to make better communication. Rich will also write something up to change some language in the Commercial Public Assembly Ordinance. Jack would like to explore a Communication Working Group. Frank Kampf was on the communication committee. All the goals were met and the committee stopped. Richard Hourihan is wondering if Agriculture related events apply to the Commercial Gathering. Mike will get back to him on that question. The Commercial Public Assembly Ordinance is tabled until the June 5 meeting where it can hopefully be adopted.

7. CCIF Plan for updating CCIF Plan – Frank Kampf discussed the CCIF updating the plan so it will be ready for Town Meeting of 2019. He is hoping to have a rough draft for the Selectboard in October and the final draft available for November in time for the warnings for town meeting.
8. Dog Complaint – Betty discussed two complaints regarding the same dogs and her conversation with the owner at the Town Clerk's office. Will Ameden explained his discussion with the dog owners. As of this date the four dogs have not been licensed. Jack would like a letter sent to the owners having the dogs licensed and the dogs rabies vaccinated along with a copy to his neighbors. Will also was wondering about another complaint on Headwaters Lane. Betty stated we have not received any written complaint as of today. The Selectboard would like to "Thank" Will Ameden for the great job he is doing as an Animal Control Officer.
9. Central Vermont Internet-Appoint Alternate – Andrew Gilbert has gone to the first organizational meeting. The Central VT Internet will be a long process. Andrew will suggest an alternate to go to the meetings.
10. Dog Warrant – There are 22 dogs licensed from the previous year that haven't been licensed for 2018. The Selectboard signed a warrant. Jack would like to send a letter out to individuals stating they still haven't licensed their dogs. Fred would like to increase the license fees.
11. Road Commissioner
 - a. Project Schedule – There is no update at this time.
 - b. Other business – Received a letter from Regional Planning regarding Municipal Roads General Roads Permit. The Town of Cabot will be receiving \$11,000 on improving segments of roads. Jack moved that the Town of Cabot participate in the RPC and DEC program with a second by Fred, motion passed. The line striping is finished and the signage work should be completed by the end of June.
Ryan from DEC would like to be provided with updates on the fill being removed at Tim Gochey's.
12. Town Clerk
 - a. Orders - done
 - b. Signing of Papers for Loader – these will be signed at the June 19, 2018 meeting.
 - c. Other Business – Betty is requesting a donation to Front Porch Forum because she uses the service to inform the town on meetings. Jack suggested \$200.00 donation out of the Selectboard Miscellaneous Account with a second by Fred, motion passed.
13. Other Business – Karen would like to discuss the recycle center storage. Karen is thinking that the highway department needs to have storage at the highway department and move it out of the recycle center. Karen was thinking that the Willey Building Committee to be in charge of that building process also. Jack would like the committee name be changed to something like Town Property Management Committee. Chuck Marian discussed his desire to have a machine shop building. He's looking for 3 phase power that is currently at the old saw mill/ recycle center and would like to rent space to get his business going. He's looking at 500 square feet. It will also need heat and more electric. Mike would like Chuck to put a proposal together for the Selectboard to review. Jack would like to bring in CCA and to inform Ben Davis and John Cookson so it wouldn't interfere with the recycling center. The gates are now done at the recycle center by John Cookson. Mike said he did a nice job.

Karen informed the Selectboard of a legal matter regarding Leonard Spencer. Leonard Spencer submitted a Motion for Summary Judgement. Mike Tarrant is taking this over as the attorney as Ryan King is leaving the firm. Mike will be calling today around 2:00 p.m. and Fred will join Karen on this phone call.

There was no other business.

At this time Fred moved that we go into Executive Session at 8:19 pm with a second by Jack. Motion passed. The purpose is to discuss a real estate matter and a legal question.

The Selectboard came out of Executive Session at 8:36 p.m. Motion was made by Jack and seconded by Fred to adjourn the meeting, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Ritter, Town Clerk/Treasurer