

SELECTBOARD MEETING MONDAY, JULY 2, 2018 at 6:00 PM

Those attending: Mike Hogan, Fred Ducharme, Bernie Shatney, Jack Daniels, Tim Gochey, Jen Gochey, Jeff Haslett, Karen Deasy, April Borrelli, Johanna Thibault, Bobby Searles, Melvin Churchill, Michelle Leclerc, and Betty Ritter

1. The meeting was called to order by Mike at 6:00 p.m.
2. Approve Agenda – A motion was made by Fred, and seconded by Jack. Mike then asked if there were any additions. Betty would like to go in executive session concerning a personnel issue. Motion passed.
3. Approve Minutes of June 16, 2018 A motion was made by Jack and seconded by Fred that they would be accepted. Motion passed.
4. Public Comment –
 - a. April Borrelli wanted to comment on the communication on the Danville Water Line Project road work. She feels she was shocked with having her property dug up. Everything is resolved now. April emailed Jack, Jack emailed Karen. Karen told her to talk to Mark and engineer on site. Mark and Cassie helped resolved the issue. Karen has been talking to Mark and has figured out the options.
 - b. Tim Gochey's storage building has had problems with the fill that was dumped on site. The State called him last week because nothing has been done to remove a section. Tim still has not been talked to by the Town. Tim has no idea what is supposed to be done. Tim would like to be involved with the decisions on the fill process. Karen and Fred went to the area and marked the area out. Karen showed Tim on a map what and where the fill needs to be excavated. Tim agreed to it. The town crew is going to remove the fill. It will take the town crew two days and that will be done next week.
 - c. Tim discussed the green railings in front of his apartment building. A new railing was going to be put in. The budget has money for aprons and a sidewalk in that area. A painted black aluminum railing with a sidewalk. Jack would like to have a plan put together for the next meeting and have Tim come and have it signed off.
 - d. Bobby make a comment that there needs to be more communication with the town's people.
 - e. Jeff said the communication with Mark on the Danville Hill Water Line job has been super to work with. Jeff would volunteer to help with fostering better communications within the town.
5. Approval of Public Gathering Ordinance – Both Bobby and Johann stated that it was not on the agenda posted. This is tabled until the next scheduled meeting.
6. Study of Main Street Design – Karen would like to put a group together for this design. Dan Currier would like to do a review. Johanna would like to know why this is all of a sudden changing the intersection. Karen said that VTrans has made suggestions on changing because of the high risk project. Bobby said there are many trucks that turn around in that big area. A lot of tractor trailer trucks, gas trucks and other large trucks use that intersection. Jack would like to look at it to see if we could make it better, if not, leave it. Mike said looking at it doesn't mean that we will move it. Fred and Bernie have been here for a very long time and there hasn't been any issue. Jeff made a comment that if there are other priorities that might need more work than the intersection. Bobby made comments on the parking and intersection. Bobby has a study from 2011 on parking that Mark Bromley had done. Mike would like to see that study. All of the interested parties will be involved along with VTrans. After that is concluded then a decision to go ahead with changes or leave as is will be made.

7. Junk Ordinance – Karen called VLCT on junk and solid waste ordinance. VLCT is currently revising the ordinance. There will be a bulk removal day in September 29, 2018. You will have to show that you are a Cabot Resident. Johanna is willing to volunteer and help out with the Junk or Solid Waste Ordinance and felt the one from VLCT is too complicated. Mike advised that we are just in the preliminary stages of this and will have many discussions about this.
8. Review of To Do List – Reviewed the list with additions made by the Selectboard.
9. Water and Wastewater –
 - a. Karen had a conversation with Mark the GC regarding the project. Next week they will start on service connections.
 - b. The road closures may be completed by the middle of July. Karen has a storm water permit to be signed by the Selectboard. Jack made the motion that the Cabot Selectboard approve the notice of intent for the storm water discharges from municipal road under the municipal road permit with a second by Fred, motion passed.
10. Road Commissioner
 - a. Project Schedule - Karen will be talking to Shawna and Dan tomorrow regarding Old Route 2. Mike will like to be involved with this.
 - b. Other Business - Karen had paper work for the loader purchases.
11. Cemetery Commission – Karen said that there are 27 large trees that need to be taken down at the Durant, Elm Street and Bothfeld Cemeteries. Melvin Churchill of the Cemetery Commission said that 20 to 22 trees need to come down. Under the FEMA hazard mitigation money, they will pay some of the tree removals. Since this is federal money, you never know when you will receive the grant money. Karen estimates it will cost around \$54,000 to have them removed. Melvin and the cemetery commission would like to go with it with the hazard mitigation grant and they have money to pay for their portion. Mike asked if we need to have a forester come out. Karen says they have done the research and they need to come down and it would be a waste of money to have a forester come out. Fred would like to have them come down sooner than later. Melvin is thinking putting it out for bid to get a better price. The cemetery has \$15,000 in CD's to take down the trees. Jack would like to see if we can come up with another \$5,000 to get the total up to \$20,000. Jack, Karen and Melvin think we should do an inventory of the worst trees to take down and then we will do a bid of how many trees could be cut for \$20,000. Melvin will put ribbons around trees that definitely need to come down. Melvin thought that we could replant some trees or bushes with the money that is left over. Bernie made a motion that we precede take down the trees with the advice from the Cemetery Commission with \$15,000 from the cemetery and \$5,000 from the general fund with a second by Fred, motion passed.
12. Town Clerk
 - a. Orders - done
 - b. Other Business – Warning for the ballot on the funding options on the Fire Department/Ambulance Facility. This has to be warned by July 15. The working group will do some articles in the Gazette and Front Porch Forum. Jeff thought that the tour of the fire department was very good and helped him understand the project. The FD Working Group will also try and set up some open houses at the Fire Station for folks to view the current building and ask questions of the fire personnel. Fred made the motion to approve the warning with a second by Bernie, motion passed.
 - c. Michael Malone appealed his fine from a recent dog hearing. Betty reviewed the letter. Jack thinks that there needs to be another hearing for this appeal. This will be on July 24th at 5 p.m. Betty checked with Karlyn Schmitt if a fence has been built in reference to a previous issue and condition regarding Mr. Malone's dogs. We will have a second hearing to deal with this issue after the appeal of Mike Malone's fine.
 - d. Betty received two letters in the mail concerning for Blodgett Road. Residents are upset that there

- has been no work on that road. They are on the class 4 section of the road. Betty will send a letter to the resident that the board is taking it under advisement.
- e. Betty will ask Slim Payne what kind of tree he would recommend to be planted in honor of Gary Savoca. The Selectboard members will make a donation privately for the cost of the tree.
13. Other Business – Bernie would like to discuss Faith in Action would like to put a couple of dumpsters for cardboard and other garbage. The dock has been damaged up there. Bernie has put up caution tape around the unloading dock. Fred as part of the Willey Building Committee and Bernie will put posts up for trucks backing up.
 14. Executive Session – A motion was made by Fred and seconded by Bernie to go into executive session, motion carried. We went into executive session at 8:13 p.m. and came out at 8:29 p.m.
 15. Adjourn – A motion was made by Fred and seconded by Bernie to adjourn. Motion carried. The Selectboard adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Ritter, Town Clerk/Treasurer