

# **SELECTBOARD MEETING**

## **TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2018 at 6:00 PM**

Those attending: Selectboard: Mike Hogan, Fred Ducharme, Bernie Shatney, Jack Daniels.

Community Members: Jeff Haslett, Andrew Gilbert, Brittany Butler, Sid Griggs, David Pike, Larry Gochey, Aldo Nunn, Morgan Churchill, Ruth Goodrich, Johanna Thibault, Richard Hourihan, George Gokey and Lynn Gokey, Bobby Searles, Lori Augustiniak, Sue Carpenter, Brad Hutchins, Ann Hutchins, Brain Shackett, Bill Wheeler, Steve Shackett and Lloyd Schackett, Karen Deasy, Steve Cox.

Town Employees: Michelle Leclerc-Asst Town Clerk, and Betty Ritter-Town Clerk/Treasurer

1. The meeting was called to order 6:02 p.m.
2. Approve Agenda – A motion was made by Jack, seconded by Fred. There are two items that will be moved to September 4: Errors and Omissions and Cemetery Tree Removal will be moved to September 4, 2018. Motion carried with the changes.
3. Approval of Minutes of August 7, 2018 meetings:
  - a. Reclassification Minutes – A motion was made by Jack and seconded by Fred to approve the minutes as printed and seconded by Fred, motion passed.
  - b. Selectboard Meeting – A motion was made by Jack and seconded by Fred. Mike would like to clarify the minutes that we cannot bring the Commercial Public Assembly Ordinance to a vote at Town Meeting as an Ordinance as it has not been adopted by the Selectboard. Only the Selectboard has the statutory authority to adopt ordinances. This will be tabled until further notice. Also Jack would like to add the word “use” to Conditional Use Permit. The minutes were approved with the changes.
  - c. Hearing on Fire Station – A motion by Jack and seconded by Fred to approve the minutes as printed, motion carried.
4. Public Comment – Lori Augustiniak stated that the Cabot Chronicle will be published on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Articles submitted to Jeanne by September 15. Andrew Gilbert discussed the internet project he is working on. George Gokey asked about the Lower Cabot Store. Mike advised that there is nothing going on at this time and will notify folks if and when it is. Larry Gochey asked if the side road mowing will be done again. Brad Hutchins sent a letter regarding Blodgett Road and hasn't heard anything on that. Mike said he will look into the letter and get back to him.
5. Errors and Omissions – move to September 4, 2018
6. Municipal Planning Grant Trails Committee Request – Andrew Gilbert and Lori Augustiniak discussed the trail plans. Lori will have the grant application ready by the next selectboard meeting on September 4, 2018
7. Proposal to repair Triangle on Danville Hill Intersection-Rich H. – Richard Hourihan has offered to rebuild it to the same size. Jack asked that the intersection question not come up on any agendas unless the State has a written request to change it.
8. Sidewalk Paving-Fred – Fred would like the sidewalk paved from the Masonic hall down where the humps are. Karen checked to see how much it would be to fix that. It will be around \$2,000. The snow blower is 48” and that should be the side walk size. Fred would like to see how much a smaller deck would be. Karen will look into it.
9. Set date for meeting with CCIF on Proposed Plan Changes – An informational meeting on the changes. September 11, 2018 at 7 pm. Mike will notify Frank Kampf.
10. Sawmill contract-discussion, factsheet, and approval – Mike discussed the factsheet that was prepared by the Town detailing the project. It's a two phase project. The first phase is to remove the buildings that have fallen down. The second phase is to remove the dam. Karen discussed the liability to the Town of owning the rights to West Hill Pond as relayed to her from our Town legal counsel. The water rights to the town are to release water from the dam. It is not liable for the West Hill Pond structure. The water rights go away if the dam is taken down. The savings to the town could be if a solar array or hydro function were installed that could offset some of the electrical costs to the wastewater plant. When the dam structure is gone, it will reduce some of the flooding during spring thaw. It might also reduce the actual flood plain. Karen said the funds were granted to the State of Vermont from CDBG to help reduce flood hazards to communities. Mike said there is a process to this grant with a deadline at the end of December. Richard and Jeff Haslett discussed the contamination of the property. Jeff asked if the owner is responsible to clean up that property. Karen is unaware if the owner has received information from the state. Jeff stated that Ed Larsen has received a letter from the state.

There was a discussion if this would be beneficial to the town. Karen said people would like to see how it will work if the dam

is taken out and she has paperwork from the grant folks and the state. Richard is wondering if both sides of the river are contaminated. Karen said yes it is. Andrew is wondering if there is a risk of the dam breaking and contaminated materials going in to the river. Jack would like to vote on this at the next meeting. There were questions, on cleaning up the site and the liability. Jack thinks the current owner is going to do zero to that site. We should be looking at both phases and what it would the cost to take care of the contamination. Fred is wondering if Ed Larsen has not cleaned the site, what is the state going to do about that? Jeff is wondering what the State and the feds are going to do to Ed Larsen. Mike said we will look into it. This will be an agenda item on September 4, 2018. Jeff would like to have actions taken to see what the state will do to make the property owner responsible. Karen will check with Agency of Natural Resources.

11. Tax Mapping-Updated Maps – The maps were last updated in 2012. The state provided a contractor last year. The tax map update is \$2,100 and there is only \$500 in the current budget. Mike would like to know when the appraisers will be coming in to coordinate the need for updated maps. Will check with Listers before proceeding with the purchase.
12. Decision on Findings from August 7 Road Classification Meeting – Mike announced that today is the deadline for the findings. Town highway 54, 63, 43, and 64.
  - a. Town Highway 54 – Fred made the motion to discontinue the road. Bernie 2<sup>nd</sup>. Jack abstain. Motion passed.
  - b. Town Highway 63 – Jack motioned that we continue highway 63 as is with a second by Fred, motion passed.
  - c. Town Highway 64 – Bernie moved that we continue to keep it open with a second by Fred, motion passed.
  - d. Town Highway 43 (Wheeler Road) The residents want a private gated road. Mike thinks it has to be worked out with the landowners. Andrew thinks the select board will be making a precedent. Jack moved to not approve the conversion of Wheeler Road from a class 4 to a private road. Fred seconded. Fred and Jack yes and Bernie and Mike no. Tie vote. The road stays the same.
13. Danville Water Project – There will be a meeting on August 28, 2018 at 10 am. for the final close out. Fred will attend.
14. Water and Wastewater:
  - a. There will be meeting with a contractor to replace the control unit.
  - b. Lower Cabot house has an apartment and the landowner would like to know the costs to hook up to the wastewater system or remove the apartment. The cost is around \$2,000 and a permit from the state. The owner needs to get his own estimates. Jack thinks this is not a decision the selectboard should be making.
15. Road Commissioner
  - a. Project Schedule – road paving is scheduled the end of September beginning of October.
  - b. Old Route 2 Reconstruction – Mike and Karen met with Shannon Clifford on Old Route 2. In the process on completing the plan on who is responsible with what on that road.
  - c. Material Storage and Closures -. JA McDonald would like to store material on the east side of the Old Route 2, which would closethat end of the road for the winter. The State is willing to work with the town and give grant money's. Karen said they are not sure if there going to grind the road or what they are going to do. If paved as a Class 3 road the town will have to pay. Karen will get clarification on grinding the road.
  - d. Other Business - none
16. Cemetery – Removal of trees (RFP) –bids moved to September 4, 2018 meeting
17. Town Clerk
  - a. Orders - done
  - b. Primary Results – Betty wanted to thank everyone for their help. The people that came to vote were 418.
  - c. Other Business – Betty received a petition from the Green Mountain Power Corporation for a Public Hearing on August 27, 2018 at 12 State Street, Montpelier.
18. Other Business – The Shackett's on Coits Pond Road received a letter from Karen on the stone wall damaging the plow. She asked to move the wall it back 6 feet. They don't feel that the request was fair. Mike said the Board will review the rock wall and get back to them.
19. A motion was made by Bernie and seconded by Fred to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and it was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Ritter, Town Clerk/Treasurer