

SELECTBOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2019 at 6:00 PM
MEETING ROOM – WILLEY BUILDING

Those attending: Selectboard: Fred Ducharme, Ruth Goodrich, John Cookson, Mike Hogan

Town: Betty Ritter, Michelle Leclerc

Other: Jeff Haslett, Jenn Miner, Charles Miner, Jessica Miller, Larry Gochey, Norm from Pike's Industries, Will Ameden, Aldo Nunn, Roland Payne, Jr.

1. The meeting was called to order 6 p.m.
2. Approve Agenda – Ruth 1st, Mike 2nd. Betty would like to add executive session for legal matter and personnel issue. Motion passed.
3. Approve Minutes from October 8, 2019 – Ruth 1st, Mike 2nd. Motion passed.
4. Errors and Omissions – Betty has one from the listers. Authorization to change a tax bill on BDE Lazer Solar LLC. The property owner didn't let the lister know during the change during grievance period. The change is \$7,900 lower. Mike 1st, Ruth 2nd. Motion passed.
5. Public Comment –
 - a. Jeff asked about Ted and Betty said that he is going thru more chemotherapy.
 - b. Jessica asked about the chemical in the water and Ruth said it will be brought up on water/wastewater section.
6. To Do List –
 - a. Ruth on the Fire Station, the fire wall has been installed and taped and ready to be painted. Anyone willing to help out tomorrow night at 6:30 to paint this wall. The fire door is in. They are discussing putting a shower room in, but Skip is concerned about the cement going in this late in the season so that will be put off until early Spring. The sign is back on the building and was put in before the last meeting. The hole is filled in the back of the station.
 - b. John was wondering about the building inspections. Jen said with Willey Building, Rec Center and the yellow house by the wastewater and the building on Main Street were done on Monday. Jen will be meeting with John on Thursday regarding recycling. She would like to talk with Fred on the furnace at the Willey Building. John asked Jen about how each building will be addressed. Ruth said there is a checklist and they will summarize what needs to be done and bring this information to the people that are in charge of each building and the SB. This is all being done by the Planning Commission so budgets for any upkeep or repairs need to be done.
 - c. Town appraisal is still going.
 - d. Ruth and Betty have worked together on the businesses in the town. Ruth has started a facebook page and will work on it more.
 - e. John class 4 roads and he has looked at some. He talked to Lisa Ginette today and she is happy with what they did for McKinstry Road. He will like to review and update the Class 4 Policy. For the most part people are pretty happy with it. Jeff asked about the Class 4 Roads and advised that Sandy has met with Michelle. Michelle has given info on people who live on the roads and a large map.
 - f. Jeff, Sandy and Jen have gone down to the school to talk about the emergency plan and they are working on a new plan. Kurt will work on the info to put on the website. Jenn will be working on getting more people on the line functions. She will be in the operations.
 - g. Betty has a blood drive on January 13th.
 - h. Roland is here to talk about the ash bore.
 - i. Betty has finished the bid process on the 0.20 acres and the bid winner was \$2,250.
 - j. Need to schedule the bulk removal day for two for next year.
 - k. A schedule for the budget meetings was given to the SB.
 - l. Road Commissioner status. Norm from Pike Industries paved the parking lot, Added a little more by the listers door. Right now in the process in getting all the risers for the water and man holes. Schedule to come back in next week for another coat. They are not going to go curb to curb in town due to the road would be higher than the sidewalk and water will pool on the sidewalks. They will grind the outside edges. Almost \$1,000 under on the parking lot. Norm stated that John did a good job in the estimate for the parking lot. Common Road has been done and went 24 feet instead of 20 feet. Used the right amount shimming to do. Paving all the way to the bridge and not the wider areas. They are in good shape. They will pave all the way to the bridge. Everything is on target here and it all should be done in 2 to 2 ½ days.
 - m. Jeff would like to go back to Fire department statistics. Betty has talked to Andy and Skip and they are working on it.
7. Tree Warden – Roland went to the tree warden summit and listed as to what other towns are doing. He had put up purple traps and nothing in them so far. They have been moving around. Other towns have been starting a tree removal fund. Mike asked the amount and Roland said \$5,000. Roland has not found anything in the traps. There are four hazard trees that need to be looked at. John and Aldo have discussed this. There is one on West Shore Road does lean into the roadway and should be cut

down now.

8. Water/Wastewater –
 - a. Ruth doesn't have anything for wastewater.
 - b. On the water she got a chance to review the report. Ruth has got everything together for the public. Ruth handed out paperwork that give the contact for public forums and fact sheets. Also, copies of emails that were sent from Janelle Wilbur, Agency of Natural Resources that are self-explanatory. On the test from Stone Environmental we had one hit came back at 2.5 and another 3.5. One chemical that Jessica had questions came back as 2 is the lowest possible number before it isn't detectable. The testing range they work with is per trillion that a little of a calibration could be a problem. If we would like to retest, we could. We have no idea when or where this chemical came in. The state would like to have it tested in three years. John asked that you can go on line to get this information. Ruth said yes you can get all info on the internet. The chemical is in many things that we use along with the dust in your house. It's equivalent to 4 grains of sugar in an Olympic size swimming pool.
 - c. Until the state tells us anything different we will keep with what they would like us to. Jessica discussed the chemicals and the analyst of the chemicals. Wondering why the chemical is there and where is it coming from. She is talking about the GenX chemical. John is wondering if you want us to do all this testing how would we detecting this. Ruth said that the "there is not Vermont health advisory for the other 13 chemicals captured by the required laboratory method, including the GenX chemical, HPO-DA." This is a quote from Janelle S. Wilbur, Chemical Contaminants Rule Manager, State of Vermont. Jessica has contacted all the state. Ruth commented about all the test results. State getting the base line from all the towns. We don't know enough about this yet and we are waiting from the state to come with the results. Jessica thinks this is dangerous. The numbers are very low but concerning. She thinks the people on the drinking water would like to know where this is coming from. Ruth said we are waiting for the testing from the state on what we should do. This is a base line testing. Mike said that answers are right there. Jeff said that to leave that to the state that we don't get the truth from the government on how concerned we should be. As a community to be proactive on this testing. After this there was a very heated discussion between Jeff and the Selectboard. All of the handouts regarding this are on the front page of the Cabot webpage.
9. Road Commissioner
 - a. Paving – Norm Pike's Industries – this was done under the To Do list.
 - b. Other – Old route 2 has more paving done at the end of the week. Probably Thursday or Friday.
 - c. John would like to clarify on some rumors on the sidewalk job with Larry Gochey. Tommy came to John regarding the sidewalks. Tommy said he would not be doing the sidewalks with the piece of equipment that we have. John went to the selectboard with this position. They had the right to say no. Larry said if he is getting paid and how much he is getting paid. John said \$20 an hour. He also has a CDL license and has done the drug test already thru the town. Larry asked if it was at a public meeting. Fred said yes it was. Larry said he was not happy with it but that doesn't matter.
10. Budget Schedule – Betty would like everyone to look at. Mike would like to make sure that every organization be available. It will be at 4 pm on the days of the selectboard meeting.
11. Town Clerk's Office
 - a. Orders - done
 - b. Other business – The dog hearing we had and have received information from Mr. Small and he is having someone come out to put the chain link fence. He said five days is to short amount of time. Ruth said as long as the dog is restrained at all times. He will have it done by November 15th. He has also paid his fine and Will will inspect when it is done.
12. Other Business – Bids were sent out for the items at the town garage on the panels. Bid for \$125. Mike 1st, Ruth 2nd. motion passed.
13. Executive Session – Ruth 1st, Mike 2nd. motion passed. 6:54 pm. We came back in session at 7:22 pm A personnel issue was discussed and no action was taken. Regarding the Real Estate matter, no action was taken.
14. Adjourn - Mike 1st, Ruth 2nd. motion passed. We adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Betty Ritter, Town Clerk/Treasurer