

**SELECTBOARD MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2019 at 6:00 PM**  
**MEETING ROOM – WILLEY BUILDING**

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

Town: Betty Ritter, Michelle Leclerc

Other: Aldo Nunn, Teri Dailey, Marcy Martin, Jenn Miner, Larry Gochey, Bill Wheeler, Kate Taylor, Central VT Disaster Animal Response (CVDART) and Rob Farrell (Good Samaritan Haven)

1. The meeting was called to order 6:01 pm Fred Ducharme
2. Approve Agenda – Ruth 1<sup>st</sup>, Mike 2<sup>nd</sup>. Betty #7 review dog violation to executive session after other business. Motion passed. Fred would like to have a moment for Ted Domey who has been on the select board for over 19 years. We had a moment of silence.
3. Approve Minutes from
  - a. November 5, 2019 – Ruth item 10 and on the second page the planning commission where it says Fred said to know to need. Item 11 putting gutters on the wastewater building. #14 other business (donation to the vacuum cleaner) Mike 1<sup>st</sup>, Ruth 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.
  - b. November 7, 2019 (special meeting) Mike 1<sup>st</sup>, Ruth 2<sup>nd</sup>.
4. Public Comment – There was no public comment.
5. Service Appropriations – review new appropriations
  - a. Central Vermont Disaster Animal Response Team – Kate Taylor discussed the appropriation. One of seven groups under the DART. They open shelters for people's pet for natural disaster. There is a law now that Towns have to have an emergency plan for animals. The area is Washington and Orange County. This has only been around for two years. They are asking Cabot a small amount of \$100.00. They would staff the shelter and provide what is needed for animals. Fred asked about a budget. She does have one. Budget goes for supplies and education the volunteers. Various organizations for emergency. Budget is \$2,500 for the year. All money from fundraising. Would like to come and talk to emergency planning.
  - b. Good Samaritan Haven – Support services for Washington County. Ruth is wondering if they do with Capstone in Barre. They work with them. They give bed, meals and social service support. Including mental health, housing and other services. They are asking the Town for \$500.00.
6. To Do List – Betty reviewed the To Do List. Ruth discussed the Fire Dept. and reporting the numbers only and not the names of the calls. Betty, Michelle and the Selectboard have asked for the numbers only. Jen said they write a run on a piece of paper and they get a record from the dispatchers. Jen is saying being a former Fire fighter she knows that it would be easy to get that information. Ruth is very disappointed. Fred wants Betty to send Skip a letter why we can't get this information and wants him to come to the selectboard why they haven't got the list. Larry would like to work with John to work on the Class 4 roads.
7. Review of Order for Dog Violation - executive session
8. Update on Building Inspections – Jen Miner reviewed with Ruth, Bobby, Betty and John and went and did building inspections. The Fire Dept. is on-going. 2466 Main Street there's a beam under the kitchen that needs to get repaired. Betty offered three support beams to repair this and there is moisture around the bulk head. Wastewater building needs some work on the door, pressure washing the outside, and a dehumidifier. Utility Partners are willing to help with these repairs. Masonic Hall, they had the floors refinished, and need windows replaced, down spot needs to be replaced and in one of the bathrooms there is an electrical panel in by the sink that need to be moved. The handicap railing needs to be replaced. The Willey Building put a lock on the heat, working on a heat pump for the downstairs windows need to be replaced. A rubber strip needs to be replaced going to the clerk's office. Recycling center needs the clear panels on the ceiling and concrete on the floor will be done (the concrete will be poured Thursday). There's lot of trash and other items that need to be taken care of. Would like to put stone around the building for drainage. The town garage is a new building and a handicap bathroom does not need to be done because it is not a public building. They have the water tested and a motion detector for when they walk in. The weather stripping needs to be done. The grader shed needs roof panels and a shelf needs to be replaced. The Rec pavilion on all the exterior doors need to be painted. There is a lot of chipping. The yellow house on Saw Mill Road was inaccessible. There is no water or electricity. A lot of the glass is not totally broken out

and strewn around and this could be a safety issue. Mike is wondering about the roof on the Recycle building. John has a call into someone to replace that but won't be until spring. Ruth said that they have replaced sheetrock at the wastewater plant and a new door. The bottom floor will be in the spring.

9. Molly's Fall Notice of Evidentiary Hearing – December 6 – Betty said it's ongoing that the Hearing will be on December 6<sup>th</sup> and if the selectboard would like to go she has the information.
10. Review of Dog Ordinance – This was tabled.
11. Water/Wastewater – Ruth stated that yesterday she received a call from Utility Partners that a flow meter died. To fix that is would be \$1,800 and new one would be \$1,600. Fred said that is just under operating. Ruth will go with the new one.
12. Road Commissioner
  - a. 10-Wheeler Truck – John has been looking into a new truck. The road crew told him about a recall that was sent to Karen years ago regarding Rusty's truck and lots of money was put into that truck. The truck will be going into be fixed. Sid found it under Facebook. John did on look into a new truck info but would like to table it until to see. Larry talked to a few people about this and if cured it. The figure of a new truck \$186,453. It is in the capital expense but would like to wait to see how the truck works after the recall is fixed. John explained to Bill Wheeler what the problem was in the truck. John went and tried out the skid steer and will be here in two days.
  - b. Revised Assessment of Class III Roads – John went over some Class 3 and 4 roads and talked to the road crew about it. John seem that the roads are more like driveways. Ruth is wondering about Blodgett Road. John explained - McCarty's house is in Woodbury. Center Road which is David Pike's driveway. Rathbone's driveway. Susan Carpenter's driveway. Fred said she isn't farming and her mother isn't there anymore. Mile's Goodrich farm. Fred thinks you can't mess with. John will put it before the board and the public. Taylor Road came to Sid and said at least ½ mile pass Chips if there is a place for them to turn around closer to Chips house. John will look further in more into these roads. Aldo is wondering what they were doing with the roads. Just changing it to Class 4 roads. Then the town would be responsible for the culverts. Bill is wondering about Saw Mill Road up to Alexanders. John said it's a town road that needs to be looked at also.
13. Town Clerk's Office
  - a. Orders - Done
  - b. Special Events Permit – Caledonia Spirits – For the December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Den with one oz tasting cup and items for sale. Mike is looking it over. Mike 1<sup>st</sup>, John 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.
  - c. Town Report quotes – sent it to three different companies. We asked for a quote on 500 copies and postcards to every register voter. The Town reports will be available at the Town Clerks, Hardware Store, Cabot Village Store and the Library. Jet Services was \$1,759.00 with postcards 99+160.00. Repro did our report last year. If we have them do one year it is \$1,080 and we have two years it is \$1,045. They will also do the postcards 215 and mail them out. The third did not give us a quote. Mike would like to approve Repro Ruth 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.
  - d. E911 Issue – has been taken care of.
  - e. Flood Plain question – we can go ahead and get the entire fire station out of the flood plain with Lisa Ginett will do a check and get it out of the flood plain. Ruth 1<sup>st</sup>, Mike 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.
  - f. Other business – The funeral for Ted will be at 1 pm at the Cabot church with the reception immediately following at the Willey Building on Saturday.
14. Other Business – Aldo asked about the E911 road that had to be changed. Michelle explained to him the road. Betty also sent her a letter and she responded by taking the road sign down.
15. Executive Session. 6:56 pm Mike, Ruth 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. Ruth 1<sup>st</sup>, John 2<sup>nd</sup> that we come out of Executive Session. Motion passed. Mike moved that the selectboard approved the amended violation to the Small's on the dog violation. Ruth 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. A motion was made to go back into executive session for legal issue Ruth 1<sup>st</sup>, Mike 2<sup>nd</sup>. A motion was then made to come out of Executive Session. Motion passed. There was no action taken.
16. Adjourned – A motion was made by Ruth and seconded by Jon that we adjourn. Motion passed. We adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Ritter,

Cabot Town Clerk/Treasurer