

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2020 at 6:00 PM
MEETING ROOM – WILLEY BUILDING

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

Town: Betty Ritter, Michelle Leclerc

Other: Marcy Martin, Michele Braun from Friends of Winooski River, Rodney Simpson, Aldo Nunn, Teri Nunn, Gary Gulka

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Fred Ducharme.
2. Approve Agenda A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Ruth. Motion carried.
3. Approve Minutes from:
 - a. December 17, 2019 Budget Meeting Ruth 1st, Matt 2nd
 - b. December 17, 2019 Selectboard Meeting Ruth 1st, Matt 2nd
 - c. January 6, 2020 Budget Meeting Ruth 1st, Mike 2nd.
4. Public Comment-
 - a. Gary Gulka has a vacancy on the Conservation Committee and he would like to nominate Roland Payne, Jr. to fill the position. Mike said that we will put it on the agenda for the next meeting.
 - b. Rodney Simpson would like the town to know that he would like to a small engine shop into town. He has moved into the house by Andy Luce and is looking for a shop to do the small engine repair shop.
5. Dale Spooner – Petition to purchase Dale Spooner for Curtis Property. – This was tabled as he was informed of the procedure to purchase tax sale property prior to the meeting.
6. Friends of the Winooski – Flood Resilience Grant Opportunity/Emerald Ash Borer Grants – Michele Braun is wondering if Cabot has an interest of doing this grant and would want to nominate a delegate? She explained the grant again. John asked questions on what the road foreman and road commissioner would be involved in. She explained the process. John told her that the town has already done a Better Roads Grant. Mike asked how many times a year they would meet. Michele said annually but it could change. Rodney Simpson asked who pays for the flood insurance, the property owner or the renters. Michele said she didn't think the renters would be covered. Fred asked John if that would be anything Aldo and he would be interested in. John thought Aldo would discuss it. John will talk to Michele and Gary on more of this. Michele said the first thing is we are going to plan it. John asked questions if she is looking for a list of landowners. John will be the delegate and will go to the meeting on January 28th is at Hardwick Town office 10:30 to 3:00.
7. To Do List – Betty went over the list.
8. Water/Wastewater
 - a. Other Business – Ruth did not have anything.
9. Road Commissioner
 - a. Other Business – John inquired on speed signs by Goodrich's Maple. Kevin Gadapee from VTrans investigated the signs and will put signs up for 50 mph signs. The Roadside mower is \$118,000, John Deere, model 6105E and has a 22' boom. He would like to lease this, because the roadside mowing to be done by someone else would be \$20,000 and the purchase of the mower would be 84 months at \$17,495. Ruth said with hiring someone else it would be better for the Town to be able to do its own mowing more and use it for other items. John has talked to Aldo for a blower for culverts. Mike asked if we need a loader. John said we have buckets on skid steer, loader and excavator. Rodney asked if it has counter weights. John will check on it. Mike asked Aldo what does the blower do? Aldo said it will clean the culverts really well. Matt asked how much the blower was, John \$5,000. Fred asked how they do it now. They wait for Mother Nature to do it. Matt asked how many culverts the Town of Cabot has. Aldo said around 800. A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Ruth to lease the tractor. Motion passed. John abstained.
10. Town Clerk's Office
 - a. Orders - done
 - b. Other business –

1. Betty regarding the Town Report: Ceclia Gulka suggested that we dedicate the Town Report to Ted Domey and Barbara Carpenter. A motion was made by Ruth and seconded by Mike that we dedicate the Report to them. Motion carried.
2. There is an amended resolution for a Trails Committee Grant. Betty needs a selectboard member and an alternate. Mike motioned that we have Fred Ducharme with Ruth Goodrich as an alternative. Motion carried.
3. Betty advised that the school will be not be part of the Town Report again this year and wondered if we should include town entities only. Gary thinks Betty should send out another email to remind people to submit.

11. Other Business

Ruth received a call from Dot Therrien's son and advised that she passed away this weekend. Ruth said she was a longtime resident. Betty also announced that Eric Ginett passed away on New Year's Eve.

12. Motion to Adjourn – A motion was made by Ruth and seconded by John, motion passed. We adjourned at 6:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Ritter, Town Clerk/Treasurer