

SELECTBOARD MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2020 at 6:00 PM

Meeting with ZOOM (info on the next page)
Telephone and Computer Audio
Meeting ID 633-116-0345
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Those present: Selectboard: Fred Ducharme, Ruth Goodrich, Mike Hogan, and Matthew Nally

Town: Betty Ritter, Michelle Leclerc

Other: Gregg Burt. Ellen Cairns, Karlyn Schmidt, Jenn Miner, Beth Herrick, Brad Alexander, Dana Glazier, Adam Overbay,

1. The meeting was called to order by Fred Ducharme at 6:00 p.m.
2. Agenda – Other business – Mike would like to add Bulky Removal Day to other business, and need to go into Executive Session re Personnel Issue. Mike, approved, Mike seconded. Approve
3. Approve Minutes from Minutes from 4-14-2020 Remote Selectboard Meeting – A motion was made by Mike approve, second by Matt. Beth wanted to change the letter from Lisa Guy and allegedly Molly attacked her dog. Motion carried.
4. Public Comment – Adam Overbay wanted to alert that on Hookerville Road – significant road erosion on the new bridge. This has been reported to the highway division by Kim Sargent and Betty also called them regarding this. – Fred will check into this.
5. CCIF – Meeting with CCIF Committee regarding status of Investments – Adam advised that the investments down 10 ½% and this is still better than the overall market. We were able to get relevant documents and it has been a roller coaster ride for some time. Don't see it going down anytime soon. There seems to be a difference of opinion on the board and Adam does not feel it is time to cash it all in. If money came out today \$674,000 down \$1.1 million. This does not include the education money. The education money is not as much of a loss. It hovers around \$223,000. Right now we do not have anything to fund for the Town (any new developments). Mike said that we have no idea of the education fund for the state and the Town has no reserve fund and could be in trouble with delinquent property taxes. Fred – would it be better to leave the money and borrow the. Adam thinks that if we have a big project and use it. If there is no real big ideas for the Town – go ahead and take it. We need to see if the fund is under federal regulations. We should consult the town lawyer and make the final decision. Fred believes that we should keep it. If we borrow the money it will put us in a deficit. We need to consult with our attorney. Ruth said that Glenn who was on the committee at its inception that the money came to the Creamery and the Creamery paid it back and it is not under federal funding. Matt – is it possible to ride it down to the bottom and use it and not lose more money. Adam – if we decide to drain the fund and use it as a cash reserve – it has to go to the Town. In order to redo the fund as it is in the current plan state this it would have to go to the Town for a vote. Could we move it into its own account? We could move it to its own account and this would be consistent with the Plan. Mike would like to restate that if we keep losing money and the market is very volatile right now. Mike would recommend that we put it in some type of CD Account until the market is more stable. Ruth agrees with this and Fred agrees with it. Adam will be contacting Union Bank and have some type of plan for the next meeting on Tuesday, May 5. We do not know what is going to happen. Sell it at a discount now and best case scenario is the fund would collapse and we put it someplace safe. Also he addressed the when we send notices around it should not be to “Reply All” as that constitutes a meeting.
6. FEMA Update – Jenn Miner – Numbers are continuing to hold steady. Facial covering and physical distancing seems to be working. The State is now giving information about each Town. We do not know if there have any cases in this area, and they are continuing with testing. We are doing a weekly call with any seniors. We should have on radar in the future – regarding the future of FEMA events. Any recommendations – Jenn could need to be registered with FEMA. At this time we do not have any needs at this moment.
7. Willey Building Committee – Steve Godin has resigned and we need to replace Steve Godin – Brad would like to have Betty be part of the Willey Building. Fred stated that it sounded like a perfect replacement. Mike motion that we add Betty to the Committed and it was seconded by Ruth. Roll call was taken and approved.

8. Bournes – Card for gas pumps - Betty checked with Bournes as they would have to run some lines for this to take place. Levi Bourne stated that they would be able to do this for a \$600/year fee. After talking with the owner of Bournes they decided that they would do this for no charge provided that we do a three-year contract with Bournes for the highway garage. Because of this Ruth motioned that we withdraw the motion for Selectric to do this work with a second by Matt. A roll call was taken and it was passed. Matt then motioned that we go with Bournes with a second by Ruth. A roll call was taken. Motion passed.
9. To Do List – This is on hold at the present time since we are not able to do anything with our list.
10. Water/Wastewater
 - a. Grinders – Cabot Creamery has two grinders.
 - b. Other Business – There were no new business.
11. Highway – They did order Staymat and are using it. We did find out that I told Mike and spare truck – did some research- might be the water pump and seal fixed around \$600.00. Old Route 2 grant must be done by June 30 – 18 culverts to be replaced by June 30.
12. Town Clerk’s Office
 - a. Fourth of July – do we proceed – Betty is wondering about 4th of July and whether to go forward. She has heard if we have any activities or a parade they wouldn’t attend. She would like to have people thinking about it. Fred is thinking that its two months away and we should cancel it for now. Mike thinks we should wait a few weeks more. It’s a big event for Cabot. Should wait a meeting or two to make a decision. Matt agrees with Mike to wait for a couple of weeks. Jenn has talked to Lori from CCA that in mid-May would be the deadline.
 - b. Renting of WB and Rec Field after quarantine lifted – Betty is not sure what to do after May 15th because of the activities and she is concerned about all the people coming into the Willey building and Shirley coming in to clean. Mike thinks there will be plenty of guide lines coming into spaces. There will be state and town guidelines. Fred is thinking about the liability to the Town and getting together. Jenn thought the Town would say they are not renting out the building. Mike thinks the VLCT will give some guidance with decision making on rentals. Jenn said VLCT was going to give guidance before Memorial Day. Jenn will let the selectboard know of any info.
 - c. Newspaper for Cabot (Hardwick Gazette going to online only) – Hardwick Gazette is now using online only. She is suggesting the Times Argus and Caledonian Record. Mike is wondering why we had to choose. Mike and Fred like the Caledonian Record and think a lot of area people read it. Ruth thinks both of those papers would give better coverage. Betty said that the ad for the tax sale in the Caledonian Record but we are still lacking. Fred would like the Times Argus and Caledonian record.
 - d. Unresolved Dog Issue – Herrick – suggest hearing – Beth has complied with everything that we have asked her to. She has licensed her dogs and has them contained. She would suggest a hearing for May 12th at 6 p.m.
 - e. Orders – needs someone to come in and sign.
 - f. Andy Gilbert sent an email for an appointment for the CV Fiber. He will still do it unless someone else is interested. Matt thinks Andy wants to do it then he should do it. A motion was made by Ruth and seconded by Matt. Roll call was taken and the motion passed.
 - g. Have other info to sign some paper work. Fred, Ruth, and Mike will be in to sign.
13. Other Business – Bulk Removal – July 11 see if it is doable. Fred – talking about Trash at the Spencer’s property – there is a health problem – piling up. Betty advised that she contacted Val and she is taking care of this. Ruth – thank the members of the community – donate making toward material for masks. Bobby is offering these free of charge.

A Motion was made to go into Executive Session by Mike with a second by Matt. Roll call was taken and motion carried. We went into Executive Session at 6:59 p.m and we came out of Executive Session as 7:18 p.m. There were no decisions made after executive session.

A motion was made by Mike to adjourn, with a second by Ruth. A roll call was taken and we adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Ritter, Cabot Town Clerk/Treasurer

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