

SELECTBOARD MEETING
MONDAY, June 22, 2020 at 5:00 PM
Meeting with Meeting with ZOOM

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

Town: Betty Ritter, Michelle Leclerc, Aldo Nunn

Other: Ellen Cairns, Jeanne Johnson, Jenn Miner, Tyler Molleur, Hardwick Gazette, Jenn Miner, Johanna Thibault, Lauren Kellen, Karlyn Schmidt

1. Call meeting to order – The Meeting was called to order by Fred Ducharme at 5:01 P.M.
2. Approve Agenda – A motion was made by Mike with a second by Ruth to accept the Agenda as written. Motion carried.
3. Public Comment –
 - a. Jenn wanted everyone to know that we now have a positive COVID in the Town of Cabot. This is not to cause alarm but to be informed. She is trying to reassure people that this is not a panic. Panic will not help the situation. She spoke with Cabot Creamery, concerning about people not wearing mask in a business. Jenn did speak with Bobby and he will take care of it. Mike stated that we have not mandated the masks in Cabot. Bobby is very concerned, and he is going to address the situation.
 - b. Ellen Cairns – meeting on zoom it is very hard to hear. We did get new sound equipment and hopefully this will help. We will make sure that everyone speaks up for it come in loud and clear.
4. Green Mountain Power – Lauren Kelley – Re: Three Phase Power to Creamery via Whittier Hill – and putting in a digester and requires 3-phase power. This will require an additional pole and some other items. Fred said that we have concerns about another pole along with snow mobilers, it can become a dangerous situation for snowmobilers. Fred asked why the property that the Creamery owns be used. Lauren stated that the equipment used is different than the voltage between Cabot Creamery and the Whittier Hill voltage. How many poles would it take to do this using the Whittier Hill place. We would need one at the bottom of Whittier Hill in order to anchor the pole. Fred – at the Creamery they would have to have a stepdown – add two more poles and digester on the property. Matt-how close could it be the stepdown pole – at least 10'. It would be at the truck area for the Creamery. Fred wanted to know if they could give her a decision on our next meeting which will be July 7. Both Mike and Betty visited the site where the poles would go and offered to show it to the rest of the Select Board.
5. Meeting with Road Foreman Regarding Road Maintenance – Would like to discuss the problems that we are having:
 - a. Grading the roads has been a concern. John stated that his road was good before it was graded. Next day they hauled gravel and then next day chloride. Danville Hill was graded then chloride was put down. There should be a schedule to do this for each and every road. What is the schedule for the roads – Aldo, said that they don't have a written schedule. Fred wanted to know why are the roads are being graded so often. Could be spreading the grading out if we had a written schedule. Ruth stated that Dale Newton knew that his road was smooth and then graded and run a problem. Fred asked if we can push the grading back. It seems that Rusty doesn't want to work with Aldo and Sid. Aldo said that Rusty does go out over the weekend to check the roads to see what needs to be done to each road. John why would you put the chloride down before it rains? Mike: we need to have a grader schedule and need to have a log of what has been done to each road of the condition such as gravel, ditching, chloride, mowing. This way we would have a better handle on gravel, chloride, sand for budgeting purposes. The Class IV roads – we do this once a year – and usually hold off until fall. Are the people aware that we grade the Class IV roads once a year? Mike – how can we bring this to a completion? There are there items: Old Route 2 – what is the status of this. Aldo said the Dirt work is done. Aldo said that the price on paving and trucking is around \$30,000. We received \$20,000 from a grant which the culverts are already in stock (30 culverts at a cost of \$7-8,000. We should change all of the culverts this year. It was stated that we do not have enough money to do the culverts. We can pay for the culverts and other materials through the grant as the road crew is still going to get paid outside of the grant and wages should not be included in the grant. What are we going to accomplish. Aldo said that the paperwork can be done anytime, dirt work is done. Ruth – have they been compacted? Yes, they have. Aldo said he could help with the bumps that are causing some problems on Old Route 2. The paving would only be over the culverts. We need to have something in writing about an extension describing what can be done.

- b. Fueling at the garage – email from Jenn regarding that Friday they went to fuel the ambulance and the gate open. The counter was not working and they tried to estimate how much fuel they used, after they left they locked the gate. Aldo stated that on Friday morning, Rusty unlocked the gate was unlocked to have the tractor repaired when he came back at 5:30 to lock the gate, it was already locked. John suggested that we have combination lock and anyone can get in to do it to what they need to do and then lock the gate.
6. Update on Emergency Health Order – Spencer Property – he is making an attempt to get rid of the household garbage. This needs to get cleaned up and Betty will contact Ben Ackerman to see if he could come with his excavator after we have the camper moved to clean up the garbage.
7. Other Business
 - a. What is capacity outdoor capacity – 150 people – tables 10’ apart – 4-5 tables. A motion was made by Mike and Ruth seconded. Motion carried.
 - b. Porter Road Project – June 22 – October 1 2020 – preconstruction meeting will take place in near future. Doug Newton will be overseeing this.
 - c. Ditching up at the rec field - \$3,500 – Aldo would work up a schedule to get this done.
 - d. Rental of the ballfields – At the present time the rec committee gets the money for rental and the town pays for the maintenance. We would like to discuss this at our next regular Select Board meeting. Betty will invite the Rec Committee and also to discuss the scheduling of the rec fields. There are too many people scheduling the field and conflicts then arise. Need to have one central place for scheduling, just like the Willey Building and the Common.
 - e. Since there are no functions going on in Town for the 4th, do we still give the money to CCA for these activities. This was approved at Town Meeting. We will discuss with them at budgeting time for next year’s budget.
 - f. There will be a Board of Abatement hearing that we need to schedule.
8. A motion was made by Mike with a second by Ruth. We adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Ritter, Town Clerk/Treasurer