

## SELECTBOARD MEETING AGENDA

**TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2020 at site visit Cabot Creamery 5:15 P.M. with meeting regular meeting beginning at 6:00 PM  
Willey Building 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**

**All participants in house to wear face mask and temperature taken. Sanitizer will be available**

Those attending: Selectboard: Fred Ducharme, Ruth Goodrich, Matt Nally, John Cookson, Mike Hogan, John Cookson  
Town: Michelle Leclerc, Shirley Ducharme, Betty Ritter, Aldo Nunn, Beth Herrick, Val Covell, Will Amenden Brittany Butler,  
Other by zoom: Anne Hutchins, Ellen Cairns, Andrew Gilbert, Karlyn Schmidt, Barb Fielder, Christy Aucion, Karen Larsen, Amanda Legare  
**In person**: Jenn Miner, Tim Considine, Jim Wolentz, Tim Considine, Terry Nunn, Matt Hill, Louie Clinton, Susan Friedland, Steve Cox, Skip Bothfeld

1. 5:15 – Meet with Cabot Creamery and Green Mountain Power re 3-phase line (this will be outside at Whittier Hill Road) (These minutes will be separate.)
2. Call meeting to order – The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Fred Ducharme.
3. Approve Agenda: A motion was made by Ruth with a second by Mike. Fred asked if there any other items. Mike would like to add under 16 other business Cabot Creamery
4. Approve Minutes from Remote Selectboard Meeting July 7, 2020 – A motion was made by Ruth with a second by Mike Minutes approved.
5. Public Comment – Ellen Cairns would like to know when it is appropriate for public comment. This can be done throughout the meeting.

Jenn Miner gave a Covid update – 1,366 cases – Vermont doing well no death over 30 days. Southern VT 4 out of 66 cases – correct testing. Looking like Governor Scott will do a mask mandatory. She feels that the people coming in out of state are not following the quarantine.

Andy – Trails – planning on having a public meeting on September 12 to unveil the final report. The do need an extension through August.

Fiber - this is pending a grant.

6. Speeding in Lower Cabot of Milk Haulers and Creamery Trucks – Mike has had discussions with other people in lower Cabot with extensive speeds. It is quite dangerous as there are people walking, people riding bikes and young children. It was suggested that we write a letter to Cabot Creamery about excessive speeds. Motorcycles also seem to be a real problem. Louie Clinton from Cabot Creamery wanted to know if there is a particular time of day. Mike stated that it picks up at 8-12. Jenn noted that her husband, Charles, stated there is also significant speeding in early morning. Mike thought we should consider putting a speed sign down there. We will have to put this in next year's budget. Matt Hill and Louis Clinton who are representatives of Cabot will be sending a letter to all the haulers. Terry said the sheriff doesn't seem pull people over. Seems to be the worst year ever. Betty check with sheriff.
7. New members for Planning Commission – Richard LaSalle and Brittany Butler – there were 3 candidates – another Glenn Goodrich. Recommend Richard LaSalle information technology and Brittany Butler current zoning administrator. Mike moved that we approve these appointments with a second by Ruth. Approved.
8. EV Charging Station for Willey Building Parking Lot – James Wolentz – pictures did not come through properly. Looking to duplicate the station in Plainfield. State Funding is available from Efficiency Vermont – 95% of the cost. There would be two outlets on it. Cost would be about \$16,000. State would provide EV with some signage, we would require to buy a sign. The location would be at the bottom of the VAST trail. Canada will be doing electric snowmobiles. Our cost would be \$500. If we need labor \$1,250. Fred wanted to know if we could have a meter. James said that we could have a box and suggested \$.25/hour which would cover the price of the EV. There would be no cost of electricity to the Town. He would be happy to do the leg work. Mike – how many people use it in Plainfield. He didn't know but would get back to us. It is more of a future thing. Do we have to maintain. It will charge all cars except Tesla. John thought it best to have them sign in. Marshfield is trying to establish one in their Town. Tim Considine – who would police it. Jim will check into this.
9. Constable – Friedland/Paladino – Mike would like Will to give an overview. Been called up to Susan Friedland's residence a number of times. Asked her to do a log. Would like to see if the Town can do something to escalate. John – suggest that she should call the state police. Did she consult an attorney? They have "no trespassing". This is a civil issue. It could escalate into a criminal situation. Feel that they are trying to push it back. It is taking a toll on her and Bob. Threatened on a regular basis. John asked – what could the SB do. Susan said she just doesn't know what to do. John said that he had to go through a legal process. State Police has been out to their place. Mike asked about a survey. Susan said there is a survey. Will asked Susan to come to the meeting tonight. Fred asked if there is anything legal we can do. Fence viewers said she was in the right, but do they have any authority can they solve the issue. Dave Pike asked her to write a letter from the attorney. More than willing to work with them. Need to continue to keep a log. Perpetual damage to the old fence – is she responsible for maintaining. Need to have a setback of 40'. Could get a variance. Matt – very frustrating situation – identify where, trespassing, harassment. Susan – no one is questioning the property line.

10. Bulk Removal Day – Betty apologized for it. Should be for Cabot residents only. Should be there with a checklist. Last year we did not do a checklist. It had to be shut down early. More people on the ground. Loader. Betty will send a letter to thank Aaron Celley Next time we should have 5 dumpsters, but we need to stay within our budget. John suggested that we have one just for metal (this is no charge). We need to stick with one or two time. Rusty went right down when he knew about it. Steve – why was it opened up to Marshfield. John said that Marshfield and Cabot are in the same district. Betty mentioned that she has sent a note to Bobbi to see if they would consider helping with the cost. This is a first come first serve. Try to get funding for the Recycle Center also. Learn from the mistake. Some people that have a Marshfield address that are Cabot residents. Town by Town – Cabot taxpayers paid for it. Betty said that she takes full responsibility for the mishap and that we will do everything we can to make it work better. It was suggested that we allow one truckload per house and that it would only be open for residential not commercial.
11. Rec Field Scheduling of Dates – Betty will be doing the scheduling for the fields giving the school first priority.
12. Fire Station/Ambulance Billing and Space – Table until a later date. Jenn – executive board met Marcie is trying to sort out. One of the proposals – Cabot Ambulance will enter into the agreement with the Town – for fair and equitable. Have a conversation based on the space of the utilization. There could be a percentage of cost with the ambulance pay for one-fourth and the Fire Department three-fourths. Need to work out a solution that is fair and equitable for all. FD paying more and ambulance paying less. All bills should be going to the Town Clerk’s – Ambulance billed from the town. Better idea if what everyone owes. John wanted to know if Casella was cancelled. Skip stated that it was cancelled. John would like to have them billed out. Steve said that Casella charged \$80.00. John will bill the Town for the trash from the FD and Ambulance and the Town will then bill the FD and Ambulance for their portions.
13. Water/Wastewater
  - a. Other Business – Wastewater door has been ordered.
14. Highway
  - a. Scheduling for Road Crew – Aldo – quite a washout with a lot of damage on Danville Hill. Roadside mowing to be completed soon. Tractor is under warranty – need to take it to them for repairs, they charge extra for them coming out to repair. John – extended warranty – 90 days extra three years. We will check into this.
  - b. Porter Road – Pre-Construction meeting at 3 Thursday, with Mike, GMP, ANR, Doug Newton. Hebert Construction said they should start at August 2.
  - c. Sign for Meadow Lane –A letter was received from the residents on Meadow Lane not wishing to have it marked a private road. We will not put up a sign.
  - d. Other Business – They are looking into new signs that have been damaged on Danville Hill.
  - e. How do we schedule – Class 4 – bad roads – Ann Hutchins down to stagecoach road. No gravel and hasn’t been raked over the years. Aldo – no way to grade it – They are grinding asphalt on Old Route 2 and possibly use this on Class 4 roads. She called in May and has yet to hear back on this. There was a sink hole beginning. John wanted to know what the schedule would be.
15. Town Clerk’s Office
  - a. Orders -
  - b. Washington Electric Permit – David Covell – opposed to going over the property. By the new driveway – pole can’t go into the wetland. There was no decision on this. Betty will invite Washington Electric to the next meeting to discuss this.
  - c. Closing of 215 to replace silo at Cabot Creamery – August 14 – they are asking if the highway crew has any signage they could use.
  - d. Other Business – there was no other business.
16. Other Business Talked with Cabot Creamery GMP – digester – pole at the bottom road – project to be done in 21 and 22 – They will pay the bill and go underground. Get back to us – tentative agreement to go underground. (The minutes from this will be separate.
17. Adjourn - A motion was made by Mike with a second by Ruth. Motion carried. We adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Ritter, Town Clerk/Treasurer