

SELECTBOARD MEETING MEETING
TUESDAY, August 4, 2020
Willey Building 3rd Floor and Zoom

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

Town: Michelle Leclerc, Shirley Ducharme, Betty Ritter

In Person: Steve Hogan, Jenn Miner, Karlyn Schmidt, Sandy Ponds, Cathie and Israel Helfand

Other by zoom: Charles Miner, Beth Herrick, Brody Moran, Jim Wolentz, Marie Liebold, Karen Larsen, Pat DiStefanio, Karen Larsen, Brian Wilson, Washington Electric, Andrew Gilbert, Brittany Butler, Val Covell, Will Amenden

1. The meeting was called to order by Fred at 6:00 p.m.
2. Approve Agenda A motion was made by Ruth and seconded by Mike. Motion carried.
3. Approve Minutes from Minutes from July 21, 2020 (2 sets) A motion was made by Ruth and seconded Matt to accept both sets of minutes. Motion carried.
4. Public Comment – Karyln Schmidt re softball tournament – there were about 200 people and approximately 60 cars and they were not social distancing, not wearing masks to try to keep it safe with potentially infecting our Town. Pat Distefanio - seems to be at odds with recommendations of the Governor. Matt wanted to know what the cleanup consisted of and what we were paid. Betty advised that we received \$100.00 and will check with Tommy to see if there was any clean up needed to be done. She was advised that they did sign waivers stating no one had covid and was tested, Shawn did have signs and tents. Sandy perhaps we should have the constable present at a public event to oversee the event and make it work right. If we did that why can't we use the green. Betty advised that everything is cancelled concerning the rec field and the Willey Building until further notice. Karen Larsen wanted to make sure they are following the guidelines from the governor's office. Jenn Miner noted they were not wearing masks. Events need to be check with EMD, going forward to have better understanding.

Marie Liebold, from Barre Softball team – other communities have allowed softball tournaments to do the tournaments – simply needed a field, what we felt is a safe place - both parking lots – set up between 6' apart. The teams play each other on a weekly basis. If you have any concerns I would encourage you to look at the videos that were taken. She did want to clear up one thing – the waivers that were signed were not for being testing but stating they were a systematic. Governor does not require to wear masks while playing softball and limited spectators of 25-30 and they distanced themselves – disinfect the area, did not use the same ball. She is the director of marketing – apologize regarding the tournament. Encourage to contact them directly contact her. They go above and beyond the procedures required by the governor and the tournament director. Mike where are the other tournaments held? They were in Bennington at the same time, Colchester – they held tournaments almost weekly and they stopped because of a community-based decision. Governor's guidelines are followed. Pat DeStefanio – we are trying to follow the recommendation. Marie – no disrespect – Board of Directors are there of every game and requires us to follow ACCD guidelines. Jenn – is my understanding you are from the Barre so why did you pick Cabot instead. They needed two fields and it was beyond the amount that we can handle in Barre. Then we found out we did not need to fields, but advertisements were already out and did not want to change it. We did not want to have a traffic problem and Cabot seemed to be beneficial. Bobbi and Stephanie Searles was there and they did help.

Sandy was asking about the to do list and the requested information from FD.

Covid Update – 5 new cases – staying well. There is one death in Washington County – 98,000 tested; 1 person in hospital. We will be getting a supply of Masks 25% of the population of Cabot and will be receiving flyers for mental health service – free of charge – will distribute the masks accordingly.

5. Easement – Washington Electric After Brian explained the situation and where the pole was going to go. After this the Covell's had no objection.
6. Lower Cabot Store – After discussion Fred moved that we write a letter to the State saying we are not interested in pursuing a buy out with a second by Ruth. Motion carried.
7. Trails Grant Extension – motion – to extend the closing out, the will have one more public meeting. Mike and Ruth had some questions and would like to talk with Andy before we sign the amendment.

Mike had a questions Andy – broadband question – consolidated – having issues more issues – little bit of an

infrastructure. Andy said yes they are having some problem.

8. Water/Wastewater
 - a. Other Business – talked with Jim Brimcolombe – no shut off valve by the reservoir – looking to move forward – trying to get a hold of Gravel, trying to get Calkins and they need to install one curbstop as well.
9. Highway
 - a. Scheduling for Road Crew – nothing – Aldo is on vacation
 - b. Porter Road should start next week.
 - c. Tractor Extended Warranty – gives another 3 years makes a lot of sense – these are the things that kill the budget – unforeseen repairs – full machine covers everything – would get a full six more years. Can we pay this over time? Michelle will check on this and will come back.
 - d. Other Business – Michelle shared a suggested time sheet for the highway crew. She will have a template to show for the next meeting.

Old Route 2 paving – There was a questions about the invoice for the Mike Did they get at least two quotes and did they get permission to do this? They should have got some approval and we could have had it done much more reasonable. There was a grant – discussed to put culverts in. To do more work on the culvert, there were no bid contract – was this authorized by anyone – no one authorized it. Needs to discuss this with Aldo at the next meeting. They have a quote of 8 tons for \$560 and the road crew could have done this with the compactor. John Sudler – called and talked with John Cookson agreed and it was okay, Aldo – said that John Sudler no to John Cookson.

Jim Wolentz – are there any signs – slow children at play. He lives by the bridge – dozen children between 2 and 15 – more than a few people and do not stop at the stop sign. Why we can't purchase the sign – children at play – north and south, Grace Breer – would also like a sign on Danville Hill.
10. Town Clerk's Office
 - a. Orders – they were signed.
 - b. Other Business – Told the sheriff about Lower Cabot, we will try to get them to do something at night also.
 - c. Update on 215 Road Closing/Cabot Creamery – August 14 – Matt stated that we should also notify the state highway and Daniel and Skip about the one way traffic in case of an emergency.
 - d. Betty stated that we will need help at the polls – please let me know when you can come.
11. Other Business – Class 4 road – almost impassable – it is challenging. Left a message with Aldo. Washouts not getting any better – nothing had been done yet. Like to know if request have not been ignored. Almost impassable.
12. Executive session a motion was made by Ruth and seconded by Mike to go in Executive Session. Motion carried. We went into Executive Session at 7:13 p.m. We left Executive Session at 7:31.
13. The SB asked Betty to write a letter to the fire department regarding the information of how many calls and the grants – system of disbursement as the auditors are concerned. Because auditors are concerned. Motion made by Fred and second by Matt. Motion carried.
14. The SB also would like Betty to write a letter to the Recreation Committee regarding allocations and invite them to the next meeting.
15. Adjourn – A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Matt to adjourn. We adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Ritter, Cabot Town Clerk/Treasurer