

**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, August 18, 2020**  
**Willey Building 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor or via Zoom**

Those attending: Fred Ducharme, Mike Hogan, John Cookson, Ruth Goodrich, Shirley Ducharme, Jenn Miner, Jeff Wood-Paladino, Michael Paladino, James Wolentyz, Aldo Nunn, Karlyn Schmidt, Steve Hogan, Skip Bothfeld  
Via Zoom: Matt Nally, Will Amenden, Karen Larsen, Christy Aucion, Bob Atchison

1. The meeting was called to order by Fred Ducharme at 6:00 p.m.
2. Approve Agenda – A motion was made to approve the agenda by Mike and seconded by John. Motion carried.
3. Approve Minutes from Minutes from August 4, 2020 - A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Matt, motion carried.
4. Public Comment
  - a. Wood-Paladino/Friedland Boundary Dispute – Jeff Wood-Paladino introduced himself. Before he started, Fred advised him that we have no say. Jeff would like to ask the Selectboard to put this to an end at this level. Fred also stated that there is no dispute at this level. John wants to know if will had any more on this. (Will was not on zoom at the time. Mike Hogan – no decision. It was brought up by Will. Fence is put to rest. Jeff said he appreciated having the time to speak.
  - b. Covid Update – 1,530 cases, slowly creeping up. No surprise because college students are coming in. We received 360 masks. She will make the public know about them. There is one in ICU. Asked everyone to be careful. No new cases in Washington County. Younger children in school, older ones part in school and part at home. Following state guidelines from the state.
  - c. No other business.
5. Water/Wastewater
  - a. Consumer Confidence Report for water has been sent to all persons on the water line and to the state.
  - b. There was no other business.
6. EV Charging Station – Jim Wolentyz – re charging station at Willey Building. He has Bob Atchinson on Zoom right now from Plainfield. Ways to charge for electricity utilized for charging station. Coin type – does exist but not appropriate for a charging system. Smart units to use some sort of credit card. Smart units to pay for electricity - \$4-8,000 minimum. To add a chargeable system would cost around \$100. Would like to have a credit card and we may not meet criteria. East Montpelier had their system given by Washington Electric and was free, but they need to pay for the electricity about \$250/year. \$.19 kilowatt – maximum would be around \$10.00. Charging 1-2 hours and would cost around \$1.75. Cost of charging people may not be able to legally to do this. Plainfield has a donation box, East Montpelier does not charge. People look on line to see charging stations. Jim would be happy to collect the donation box. Could possibly get electricians to install this voluntarily. Clipper Creek/Deustch Net – Jim will be checking into this. They have a program that would allow us to keep track of anyone that is using the charging station. Bob Aitchison – Energy Coordinator for Plainfield – was offered a grant – inspire the people to use electric cars. Between 2 grants able to put whole system. They cannot charge electricity – they put in a donation box. Fred – when you keep track of kilowatts does the donation box take care of the Town’s portion of electricity. Bob: It does most of the time. Mike stated that it would be good for him to come back during the budget process and we can explore something at that time. The budget process will begin sometime in October. He also suggested that we put this on the warning to see if the Town is interested in putting in a charging system.
7. Highway
  - a. Scheduling for Road Crew – Aldo state they are almost done with mowing by tomorrow, they still have 2,500 yds of sand to haul. Rusty and Aldo’s trucks in shop, ditches to clean, Mack Mountain, culvert, and they need a culvert for Ken Williams. We stated that we have not seen salt or sand contracts yet.  
John: update on what the crew is going to be doing. No prices on sand. Mike – whatever the budget is for sand: \$28,000 and salt: \$55,000. Aldo stated that sand \$7.00/yard. No salt prices yet. Mike: where does the salt come from Dubois – 650 tons. John wanted to know about the paving on Old Route 2 – no authorization for paving – Aldo said that he told everyone. John – no 2 quotes. John is talking about why are we letting things slide with Aldo and the highway crew. Excessive spending for items not authorized. What about any repercussions to Aldo, no scheduling. Mike – trying to establish better communications between roads, towns, and many other things. Let the Board knows if trucks are broke down. The better the communication the better the Town will run. At this point John excused himself and left the room.

- b. Porter Road – Start first week of September – They have a deadline of October 15 to get out of the water. A letter will be sent to residents to let them know.
  - c. Tractor Extended Warranty 2 full years for machine, for extended warranties: 1-year warranty \$1,815; 2 year \$2,630, 3 year \$3,925, 4 year \$5,030 and need to pay upfront but we do not have to do this right away. We can wait until the two years are up to make this decision.
  - d. Better Back Roads Grant approval - \$8,000 – Ducharme Road – have to be completed December 31, 2021 with all the paperwork submitted. Have to spend to \$10,000 on the road, BBR will pay \$8,000 and we pay \$2,000. This will be done by Caleb Pitkins and to do ditching to help with the runoff.
  - e. Time Sheets – Michelle showed the new time sheets. The SB would like to adopt this for Monday, August 24. This sheet will break down everything. Also any expenditures over \$500 – talk to Betty or Michelle. There should have been two bids – Aldo said he had two bids: Johnson and Green Mountain. Need to have paper copies.
  - f. Other Business – Summary gave a list of projects. Striping – specs. Aldo knows – find out standard. Do we want the road crew to do this. Yes, as long as the guidelines are followed. Striping on the flats – the state will do this. Aldo will check with this and tell them we are ready.
  - g. Signs – Aldo will put them, Betty will give him the places where they will be placed.
8. Fire Department – when you respond to a call. Sometimes 1 or more, generalized information for possible new fire department. NFIREs – Fred – how many people, how many calls, how many went out, etc. Ruth – what about a monthly update, possibly on the web site. Fred – other people to know. Skip said he would see what they can do. We then asked about grants the fire department receives. The auditors were here \$5,000 for dry hydrant for the first payment, the rest was paid out of grant, and they are not happy to have a checking account separate. The SB would like to have a monthly report on the activities of the Fire Department (calls, how many went, who was first to arrive, etc. but with no names). Matt – time frame will get together with Betty Wednesday or Thursday.

Skip – rental what is going on. Jenn will get together with FD as soon as they get something together.

Mike – Is Marcy still trying to reconcile books. Jenn advised that she is working on this and will try to get more information from John or copies of the old statements.

9. Town Clerk's Office
- a. Willey Building – would like to wait to October 15 – keep building closed down until then and then re-evaluate.
  - b. Orders – have been signed.
  - c. Tax rate – to go ahead and if there any changes would come through errors and omissions.
10. Other Business –
- a. Update regards fuel cards – soon, Bournes seems to be running into issue because of the internet.
  - b. Lower Cabot Store – the letter was sent to Ben Rose
11. Executive Session – a motion was made by Mike and seconded by Ruth to go into Executive Session at 7:39 p.m.
12. A motion was made by Ruth and seconded by Mike to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Ritter, Cabot Treasurer/Clerk