

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2020, 6:00 p.m.
Willey Building 3rd Floor or via Zoom

Those attending in person: Mike Hogan, Ruth Goodrich, Betty Ritter, Michelle Leclerc, Dan Dunham, Heather Buark, Aaron Page, Via zoom: Matt Nally, Karlyn Schmidt, Jenn Miner, Brittany Butler, Dana Glacier

1. Call meeting to order 6:02 p.m.
2. Approve Agenda - A motion was made by Mike with a second by Matt. Motion carried.
3. Approve Minutes from Minutes from November 10 Budget Meeting and November 10 SB Meeting A motion was made by Mike and a second by Matt, motion carried.
4. Public Comment – There was no public comment.
5. Cabot Creamery – Aaron Page – Mike stated that we when we studied it in July and thought it would be okay to have it go underground on Whittier Hill. How much is the Town aware of the digester. Aaron said they have not issued a press release and it is not widely known by the Town. Ruth wanted to know how long this would happen. Aaron stated around 2023. Aaron can appreciate the place the SB is, and they can't endorse something the Town does not know about. On the utility corner – we have to get this out of the way. Mike stated we are supportive of the utility. Aaron is working with a new representative. Want to have some public awareness beyond the Selectboard. All of it would be tank and a generator. Ruth wanted to know if there would be any smell or noise. There would be 40 decibels for the generator which is like a car driving by and no smell. Ruth wanted to know if there could be any sound barrier. Aaron – there is an opportunity to utilize sound proofing. The visibility is only from Whittier Hill but nowhere else. Mike wondered about a public meeting. Jenn was not aware of the conversation. PC would take the same position as the SB. Would he be available to come to the PC meeting on December 3? This is the first phase of a two-part phase. The second phase would significantly reduce the trucks on the road. It would have treated wastewater in a leach field. This is not the largest in the state. It does have enough complications including ground water. Mike asked about gallons per day. It would be around 150,000. It would turn the milk into methane. Might be adding animal feed and the farmers come and pick up for their animals. It would be helpful to have an outlet as we cannot put the waste in the landfill.
6. Emergency Management Update – The numbers are on an upturn. Washington County is the bigger one. It is around the area. Need to encourage people to wear the masks. Should be a reality check. She knows several people that are quarantined—not because they have COVID-19, but has been exposed. Fourth through sixth school will be home schooling until after Thanksgiving. Governor did not mention schools in Washington County will not be closed. He is working with all the schools. Barre schools are remote through Monday after Thanksgiving. Ruth thanked Jenn for all she is doing. She does have masks and will pass them around. We need to take this seriously. She stated that the Governor feels that they can manage with what we have. Need to double-down to do this. Our resources are significantly smaller than other areas.
7. Water/Wastewater
 - a. Other Business – Jim Abbott has a letter going to him for the allocation.
8. Highway
 - a. Porter Road- on time, and also guard rails going up
 - b. Sale of Grader Shed Information – Michelle contacted Doug Newton of Newton Technical Services and he told her to contact Kris Jurentkuff from Chase and Chase. Kris said that he knows of no reason why the property couldn't be sold. Kris told her to contact Andres Torizzo from Watershed Consulting. Andres told Michelle that project was completed and he thought it could be sold. Michelle then emailed Lynda Provencher from VTDEC Waste Management and Prevention Division. Lynda emailed and said None of the information she has on the property would prohibit it being sold. Michelle then emailed Carl Bohlen from VT Dept of Housing & Community Development. His name is on the Grant paperwork. She is checking with him and that will be her last place she will check. Is it technically possible to put this out to bid and have it sold by end of year? The Town voted to sell this last year.
 - c. Other Business
9. Town Clerk's Office
 - a. Orders
 - b. Other Business – there was no other business.
10. Other Business –

- a. Mike will be suggesting two names for the DRB at the next Select Board Meeting.
- b. We discussed the CCIF Committee. Mike motioned that the CCIF Committee be suspended until July 1, 2021 or until a full committee is appointed and that there would be a Moratorium on all loans (Subsidized Interest Rate Loans, Education Grants, Discretionary Grants, Town Meeting Grants) until further notice. Current subsidized interest rate loans will continue to be paid and that the Cabot Selectboard until further notice have the financial oversight for the CCIF Fund in consultation with the Town Treasurer. This was seconded by Matt. It was then opened for discussion - Frank - did anyone read the plan and see if this conflicts with the plan. He didn't feel he could not comment on this as he wasn't on the committee anymore. Mike stated that he would like to review the plan and would like to have a committee quorum. Can a motion on the SB overrule what the Town voted for? Mike stated we are not overruling the Plan, just wanting to make sure the plan is safe. Matt - he understands what Frank is saying and what Mike is proposing. There is only one committee is correct. There are 3 for a quorum. Frank - we had a committee of 4 and 2 was a quorum. It was Frank and Jackie Folsom. Bob Burke was the chair and Chuck Talbert resigned. Basically went to the SB to appoint someone to fill the seats. Ruth said that she believes the fund should be protected. We are not going to use the fund. Matt suggested a six month moratorium and revisit in July 1. The motion was amended to reflect this. Motion carried.

11. Adjourn - A motion was made by Mike, with a second by Matt, motion carried. We adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Ritter