

**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2020, 6:00 p.m.**

Those attending: Mike Hogan, John Cookson, Michelle Leclerc, Betty Ritter, Zoom: Fred Ducharme, Ruth Goodrich, Matt Nally, Bonnie Waninger, from CVPRC, Frank Kampf, Karlyn Schmidt, Jenn Miner, Aldo Nunn, Roland Payne, Jr., Dan Dunham, Paul Tamiso, Terri Nunn, Jim Wolynez, Dana Glazer

1. Call meeting to order – the meeting was called to order by Fred Ducharme at 6:00 p.m.
2. Approve Agenda – A motion was made by Mike with a second by Matt. Motion carried.
3. Approve Minutes from Minutes from December 1 Budget Meeting and December 1 SB Meeting – A motion was made by Ruth with a second by Matt. Motion carried.
4. Public Comment – Terri Nunn – she keeps getting phone calls thinking it was the ambulance. Jenn said that we need to trace it back. The call came from Northeast Regional Hospital. Jenn will check with Daniel regarding this and check with their carrier. She is getting calls from insurance carriers.
5. Marshfield Select Board/NEKWM – Recycle Center – Paul was on in the Marshfield Board. He would like to relay to the Cabot Board. Marshfield stated that they do not have a good count on who from Marshfield uses the recycle center. They felt a sticker and permit system for Marshfield. First off does it make sense to have a permit system? It seems that this could become cumbersome for the attendant. John stated that we discussed this. One as a taxpayer the Cabot funds this facility. Marshfield joined the district later. As time goes on expenses increase. When Cabot and Marshfield agreed to join NEKWM when there was no fee. Now that there are funds to pay, John believes Marshfield should share to help run the facility. During the winter months it is definitely slower than during the summer. If Marshfield wants to use the facility they should pay some money for this. John feels that it would be difficult to keep track of permits and stickers. Mike suggested that Marshfield would issue the permit and pay them and then pay Cabot for the use of the recycle center. It is hard to keep track of people and their recycle materials. Paul said that the Marshfield is willing to pay something. Paul suggested John do the trash and the each town hire someone to oversee the recycle. Permitting system would cost more. Central Vermont Solid Waste District – they would charge \$1.00 per resident which would be around \$1,500. Mike wanted to reiterate that the permit sticker would be hard to oversee. What about cost of stickers, passing them out – who pays for this and keeps track of the money and checking on the expiration of stickers. We are all part of the same district. James Wolynez – they are coming from Marshfield, Plainfield, Walden – they do not pay for the recycle. Why are we allowing other Towns to use the recycle center? Cabot is paying for the center. John stated that we are going in the right direction. James feel that Marshfield should pay their share. It is up to Marshfield to find out how many people from their Town use the facility. Terri – need to find out who is coming down. James thinks we should put a sign there at the entrance for Cabot Residents only if Marshfield is not willing to help with the support of the recycle center. Recycle and trash are at the same facility. John could not bundle the trash and recycle. If the recycling center – only we should split it right down the middle. It is on Marshfield to decide what they do. We need to get Marshfield at the next meeting. John wants it to be fair for the Town of Cabot. Marshfield has more people than Cabot. Need to set up a time with Marshfield to discuss this.
6. Bonnie Waninger from Central Vermont Regional Planning/Roland Payne, Tree Warden – Ash Borer Infestation – Roland said that the Southern part of Cabot has some Ash Borer infestation. We need to discuss this. Bonnie – thinking about what we want to do. The cost is 20% and clean up would be 80%. Do we want to take trees down. VLCT has some training for communities to take it down for the highway crew. When Roland gets any information he will pass down. Roland said by Paul Yamamota the tree is dead and somehow it needs to be taken down. Fred wants to know if it is in the right of way. Ruth wanted to know about the size of the excavator. John said that the power lines run through the tree. Roland stated that we find out who should take it down because it can be a hazard. Need to research whose responsibility for the tree. It seems that the Agency of Transportation may have an answer who is responsible for it. It seems that it is a shared responsibility. Roland will work with Bonnie about a plan.
7. Emergency Management Update – We are a little over 5,900 cases. We are down from previous times. They are bringing vaccinations for health care works. It is not mandatory. It will take quite a bit of time to get the vaccination to get out. Total number of cases in Cabot as of last week was 13 cases. Not a big spread. Jim Wolentyz – how and when can we get the vaccine. The Health Department has information on the website. It would be in 2021 before the general public will get the vaccination. Christmas recommendation – not to hold gatherings outside of your own household. The governor's office is concerned. Jenn – they have opened up testing sites and to get more people testing. Fred heard that Walden will have a testing station this weekend. Jenn she has not heard of this. Department of Health has a listing of all the sites for testing and will post this.

8. Town Meeting
 - a. Articles for Town Meeting Warning – Signature or no signature required.
 - b. Virtual Town Meeting/Delay of Town Meeting
 - c. Timelines for Town Meeting Articles read article for Town meeting from Will Senning
9. Water/Wastewater
 - a. Other Business – There was no other business.
10. Highway
 - a. Porter Road – It is complete. They didn't plant the trees but will be done in spring.
 - b. Sale of Grader Shed Information Michelle has talked with Nathan Cleveland. She was then told to contacted ANR, Cabot Permit Specialist, VTDEC, Gary Gulka, Karen said we had a grant from Transportation. We cannot find anything on this. Waiting to see if the VTRANS grant.
 1. Dan Dunham would like to discuss the grader shed – Doesn't mind waiting until we get more info.
 - c. Coverage for road crew in case of emergency – after the meeting on Monday with Marshfield, Plainfield, Calais and Walden. Tried to work this out to see how it will work. Chris from Marshfield is going to get together everyone's phone number so we can contact others on the road. We can hear Marshfield but can't talk with them. Plainfield we can't hear or speak to them. There is some problem with the radios. They traded phone numbers with one another at the meeting. We will assist as necessary. VLCT said that we are covered if we work with one another. Fred wanted to know what was the most important thing to communicate with one another? We need to get some radio frequency – two way radios will work. Fred wanted to know how it would happen and what it would cost. Sid has put other Town's frequency. Matt wanted to know if all the radios have their radios programmed. Aldo said Marshfield has their own man and will try to get him to help the other towns. This is Tim Morris. John wanted to know how would we get reimbursed if our driver went to another Town. The Town would reimburse the Town that helped them.
 - d. Sidewalk, dry hydrants snow clearance – Aldo said the highway crew would take care of it. The sidewalks will not be cleared before the roads are done. It's working right now. Only issue is kids on the sidewalks before they are plowed.
 - e. Other Business – the spare truck: motor is pulled and took the block to his shop where he is going to work on the oil injectors. There is no timeframe for completion.
11. Town Clerk's Office
 - a. Orders
 - b. Other Business – UPS is parking a box in the parking lot for a short time. They will send us \$150.00/month for the use of the parking lot.
12. Other Business – Wastewater door will be installed next week.
13. Adjourn – a motion was made by Ruth with a second by Matt. Motion carried. We adjourned at 7:32 p.m

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Ritter, Clerk/Treasurer