

SELECT BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

Those attending in person are Mike Hogan, Michelle Leclerc, Betty Ritter; via zoom: Fred Ducharme, Ian Ackermann, Matt Nally, Ruth Goodrich, Karlyn Schmidt, Jeanne Johnson, Frank Kampf, Dan Dunham, Amanda Otto, Dana Glazier, Beth Wade, James Wolentyz, Kathleen Hoyne, Brittany Butler, Trish Brochu-Cox Steve Cox

1. Call meeting to order – the meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.
2. Approve Agenda – a motion was made by Matt with a second by Ian. Betty did have a correction on the dates of the meetings. Motion carried with the approved change by roll call.
3. Approve Minutes from March 16, 2021 and March 31 meetings – a motion was made by Fred with a second by Matt. Motion carried by roll call.
4. Public Comment – There was no public comment.
5. Emergency Health Order – Spencer Property (update) Betty and Jenn gave an update on the rental property. Ruth suggested that we also contact the State Fire Marshall. Betty will give him a call tomorrow. The sheriff's office will attempt to serve the papers tomorrow.
6. Emergency Management Update – She has found that the pumps are shut down for fire department and ambulance. Ian will check into this tomorrow and will work something out. She gave an update on Covid. 233 deaths to date, which the last one was in February. Only 2 in Washington County. Johnson and Johnson vaccine has been halted in Vermont. They are hoping the delay will be only a few days. We are getting more doses of the other type of vaccine and will be working on schedules.
7. American Recovery Act – Overview – The monies will be issued to the State. Suggestions for use is Water Sewer, Broadband, Small Businesses. Cabot should get about \$140,000 as a share and \$337,000 of the county. This should be coming in May or June. Will get information out to the public. RD sent a letter to the Town and Betty sent it to all the SB. Some of his ideas are for more broadband expansion, brown building owned by the CCA. It should be in the range of \$475,000. We will be trying to get more information out as soon as there is more information. After school programs, and summer programs are a possibility.
8. CCA Representative from Select Board – Mike has been going, but is anyone interested in being a representative. Fred volunteered to be the representative with Mike as an alternate. Ruth suggested that we put the CCA on the agenda for updates as needed.
9. Library proposal for outdoor gathering for preschool children approval – Kathleen wanted to fill in people in that the library received a grant – libraries changing the area. They wanted to have something for the preschool children and children's stories. Parents are concerned about the children. They are ready to go at this time. They will limit it to 2-3 families. Jenn is fine with this. Matt wanted to know if there will be a log contact tracing purposes and it will be kept. We need to get the water turned on. Jenn recommend that we have cleaning supplies available. A motion was made by Fred to approve this program with a second by Ian. Matt wanted to know about a trial timeline. Kathleen suggested a month for a trial timeline and report back to the Select Board on May 4. Ian wanted to know about how young the child is that is to be masked. Jenn said two years and over to be masked. Motion carried by roll call. Fred asked when they want to start and will get the water turned on for one bathroom. Kathleen will get back to them as to the exact date.
10. Water/Wastewater
 - a. Other Business – There is no business.
11. EV Charging Station – requested by Jim Wolentyz – he was unable to locate an electrician for volunteer. The Town would need to recruit and electrician. Ian ran into Aaron and he needs to have the specs. He would do it for \$50/hour and contact other electricians once Jim sends him the specs.

12. Highway

- a. Update from Ian on Highway
 1. Safety equipment from a grant – Sid said the date is coming to a close and would like to have some information about this. Betty advised that she has mentioned this to Aldo a few times and have had no response. Betty will check with VLCT to find out some more information and forward to Ian.
 2. Aldo's truck can have a break box for around \$300.00 so he can then use his truck for hauling a trailer. Mike said that he can do the test with his truck but will have a restricted license for automatic. He wanted to make sure we have a firm quote for the box from Eric who said he could do it. We have only one trailer, and it is electric. If he does not have an air brake endorsement he will not be able to use any vehicle with air brakes. Fred approved that we put the box on with a firm quote of not more than \$300 with a second by Matt. Motion carried by roll call.
 3. Grader tires – off brand is around \$1,000 or \$1,100 – and they need six and they have a balance of \$5,000 for grader tires. We could possibly shift some money for these tires. What is the longevity. Ian will check.
 4. Culverts – we are okay on culverts. Aldo will need around \$3,000 for culverts.
 5. Mike – suggested that we have the meeting at the garage next week to discuss items that need to be addressed at the garage.
 6. When we brought the property from Grace Cookson – it looks like that Danny Abbot is doing logging and has logs all over the garage property. The state would not give 2 easements. The ROW is through the gate. The electric company has a ROW of essentially 45' and would be going straight through to the Paquin property. Why are they using our property for the logging? Ian advised that Danny told him he would clear it up after he is done. As of right now part of the gravel is in Cookson's property.
 7. When road projects are going to work on roads, we need to get the word out and let the people that are on the road along with public announcements such as front porch forum, Facebook, Cabot Connects to let people know. Ruth stated that they also should notify fire department and ambulance.
 8. Sid wants a raise. The budget has already passed for the upcoming fiscal year, but it can be discussed.
- b. Road Commissioner Position Discussion – defer to next week.
- c. What about a key to the pumps for the fire department and ambulance. As of right now, the FD or Ambulance cannot fill up on weekends. The pumps are turned off inside the garage. They would need a key to the garage. Betty will work on this.
- d. Update on Rusty's truck – waiting on HP Fairfield quote of \$13,000. Insurance said they need another estimate.
- e. Update on spare truck is around \$6,900 and keeping in budget.
- f. Other business – they need tires for this budget year. He has \$3,000 left for tires.

13. Town Clerk's Office

- a. Orders
- b. Other business – we are going to have a revote on the school budget – Mark Tucker advised they will not mail out ballots to everyone. There is no date set for the revote. She was questioned why they are not mailing out ballots to all registered voters. Betty stated that is the decision of the school board.
- c. Dan wanted to know about someone coming in to clean up Spencer property. Betty advised that we will be working on this and that we cannot come on private property to do this. This will be addressed after the current health order is addressed.
- d. We have two months left in this fiscal year. One of the areas we need to look at everyone's budget. We do need to check all areas. The listers have approximately 186 hours to work this year. We would prefer not to spend extra money.

14. Other Business –

- a. Jenn – if the meeting is going to be at the Town garage – how is that how is going to work – it won't work. We can't have it go on zoom out there because of the internet service. Jenn will come to the meeting. Trish – does that mean we would not be able to participate. The suggestion was made to go to the garage for 5:00 p.m. then come back to conduct the regular SB meeting.
- b. Kathleen – we were contacted by surrounding libraries if they want to participate in a story walk. You breakdown children's book separately and can go outside and read the story. Would the town be okay – behind the pavilion. This would be put on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss and approve as this was not a warned item.

15. Adjourn – A motion was made by Fred with a second by Ian. Motion carried. We adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Ritter, Town Clerk/Treasurer