

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2021, 6:00 p.m., via Zoom

Those attending in person: Ian Ackermann, Mike Hogan, Michelle Leclerc, Betty Ritter; Fred Ducharme, Matt Nally, Zoom: Carrie Randolph, Dan Dunham, Roland Payne, Jack Lague, RD Eno, Brittany Butler, Frank Kampf, Joann Vecchiola, Karlyn Schmidt, Stephanie Searles, Steve Hogan.

1. Call meeting to order – The meeting was called to order by Mike Hogan at 6:01 p.m.
2. Approve Agenda – A motion was made by Fred with a second by Matt. Motion carried.
3. Approve Minutes from Minutes from June 1, 2021 meeting – A motion was made by Fred with a second by Ian. Motion carried.
4. Public Comment –
 - a. Carrie Randolph was hoping to have a small parade on the 4th. She did reach out to members of CCA and have not heard back from them. She has had over 40 community members reach out to her and she and her husband would be happy to take the lead for this. Would like to have the money remain in town and not to other communities. The board is in favor of this as long as we are not in any violation with the State. The State stated that as of midnight June 15 there is a green light and no limit on gatherings. Fred wanted to know how big the parade would be. The Fire Department, Marshfield, Walden FD will be in it but the overall parade will be smaller. Mike suggested that she reach out to CCA and foresee no problems.
 - b. Roland Payne – wondering if the Board had any suggestions regarding the Ash Borer and perhaps approve at the next meeting.
 - c. Dan Dunham is concerned about the pine tree that is a hazard close to his house. It is on the property of Paul Yamato right-of-way to the Town. We will contact Green Mountain Power.
 - d. Jack Lague would like to request a sign at Meadow Lane to have it marked dead end. – No action at this time.
5. Emergency Management Update – she left a message regarding the lifting of the mask. Suggest a mask if they want to. We will continue Zoom meetings through the month of July and see if we still need it for people.
6. Planning Commission Update of officers – Jenn and Bobby will continue in their positions of Chair and Vice-Chair. The Board agreed with the officers.
7. EV Station Update (Signing of GMP Agreement) – The board signed and will send it to GMP
8. CV Fiber – It has been 8 months since he has been on the Board and a learning curve and moving forward with high speed internet. Need to have a commitment of money from the Town. It would be 2.6 million for Cabot. Mike asked if we have a ball park number for broadband for the whole state. He does not have that at that time. Because of bad internet connection, he will get back to us.
9. Select Board Review – Ian is the liaison for the highway. This is ongoing. Arca monies that will be issued to Town of Cabot. We are looking at around \$500,000. There is a meeting tomorrow to go over this with VLCT.
10. Faith In Action Contract – Fred and Mike went to see Cynthia Stuart for Faith in Action contract. Fred believes that \$850.00 is more than fair. The building is in good condition. Mike moved that we have the contract be level funded contract for the following year with a second by Fred. Motion carried.
11. Masonic Hall Building Discussion held on June 4 – we would have to have the building appraised would be the first step. A motion was made by Fred to appraise the building, with a second by Matt. Motion carried. They would have to pay taxes on the assessed value of \$100,000. Brittany stated that we could get a better assessed value if we could go in and look over the building.
12. Water/Wastewater
 - a. New Addendum to Contract Betty went over the contract and the increase over the next 5 years. A motion was made by Fred and Second by Mike. Motion carried.
 - b. Fire Alarm System for Wastewater plant needs replacement – this was put in this week.
 - c. There was no other business.
13. Highway
 - a. Ian – Update from Highway - the grader is running. Rusty's truck is 2014 and we are working on it, however it is now leaking antifreeze and may have other problems. The spare truck was broke down on Taylor Road. They are

contacting Eric to have him come and look at it. We do need to have a truck and found there is a truck about 7 years old for around \$32,000. It may give us another two to three years. Mike wanted to know if the trucks are under coated. We do not believe they are. We now have 2018 and 2017 truck. Ian is suggesting to another truck with the insurance money. Should we consider leasing a new truck to replace Rusty's truck. Mike felt we need to have an evaluation on this truck. We need to be prudent about the tax payer's money. Rusty truck and the spare truck are not dependable. Matt said that he is not in favor of leasing but when it comes to municipal trucks he think it is a good idea to lease. Right now we can get a new truck with a 7 year warranty and then trade it in. Long term it is worth exploring for the Town. Mike is not comfortable with another used vehicle. Let somebody take a look at it and give the SB an evaluation. Matt suggested that if it does not meet the minimum of what we have, if not we need to take it off the table along with selling the two truck and look into leasing vs. buying a truck.

- b. Approval of Nortax Invoice for the grader - \$41,990 with a warranty of one-year and look into extended. Matt moved that we pay with a second by Fred. Motion carried.
- c. Other business – working with Aldo for update about the roads. Mack Mountain Road is needed to get repaired. We are talking about getting a grant to get this fixed. They are moving guardrails on Porter Road.
- d. Old Route 2 – we would like to check about grinding it up, and lay down gravel. Ian will check into this.
- e. Bridge on 215 – hold off until the State can work on this.
- f. Recycle Center – the roof is full of holes and some of it needs to be replaced. We will need 5 sheets of tin for around \$530.00. Ian will get a crew together to work on this and have it done before July 1.
- g. Fred wanted to know about getting the lines painted. At this time, there is not paint available.
- h. Roadside mowing will be started next week.
- i. Beaver Dam on VT 215 – Ian is working on it.
- j. Mike wanted to know if there are other uses for the Recycle Center – can we use it for other things. At the present time the Rec Committee is using it to store items.

14. Town Clerk's Office

- a. Orders - are signed.
- b. Update on Emergency Health Order – the trash was not picked up. Betty will check into the price of a dumpster and see if Ben is available to work on this. Matt wanted to be sure that he would know that no hazardous materials go into the dumpster. Joanne Vecchiolo wanted to thank the SB for the work they have done to get this cleaned up. Ian wanted to know about the horses. Betty said that the Animal Control Officer is working on this. We still need to check on all the unregistered cars on the premise.
- c. Line of Credit paperwork – this will take the place of our Tax Anticipation Note. We will renew it through Community National Bank at 1.05% and will use only as needed. A motion was made by Fred with a second by Matt. Motion carried.
- d. Washington County Sheriff Department Contract – A motion was made by Matt and seconded by Fred to approve this. Betty will check with them about some weekend work as long as they do not go over the budget.
- e. Willey Building Use – June 24 – Matt suggested that hold off on this until we find out about insurance coverage for the use of the building.
- f. Sullivan and Powers yearly Audit – A motion was made by Fred with a second by Matt to approve the audit. Motion carried.
- g. Library – They would like to go back to regular hours. The SB agreed.
- h. Other business
 1. Just a reminder that the School Budget Revote is Tuesday, June 22.
 2. Cabot Creamery will be holding a covid vaccination clinic this Wednesday and Thursday.

15. Other Business – Fred wants to pursue having a handicap port-a-potty for the months of July and August in the WB Parking lot. We will check into the prices for this along with a weekly cleaning.

16. Adjourn – A motion was made Matt with a second by Fred to adjourn. Motion passed. We adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Ritter, Town Clerk/Treasurer