

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 6, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
via Zoom or in person at the Town Clerk's Office

Those attending in person: Mike Hogan, Ian Ackermann, Betty Ritter, Fred Ducharme, Steve Cox, Frank Kampf, Stephanie Burt; via zoom: Ian Ackermann, Matt Nally, Jim Wolnetyz

1. Call meeting to order 6:02 P.M.
2. Approve Agenda - A motion was made by Fred with a second 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 – Stephanie Burt from the Cabot Rec – The Library has received a grant from “Renew Your Summer for Jacquith, Cutler, and Cabot libraries with an effort to improving the facilities. They have some ideas for the Pavilion to make it more readily available to usage such as a sign, landscaping, clear the corner brush (or cut back), steps down to brook, Muriel on back side of pavilion or bathroom wall, paint picnic tables in brighter colors, two volleyball nets, tetherball with continuing the story walk, and more signage with possible solar panel for nighttime use. They have \$1,800 to use. They were also wondering about a hose access to the back of the restrooms. She is also wondering about trash. She said that whoever uses the building ends of taking it home. She will check with the school. The Willey building takes the trash to the recycle center and John bills the Town. This can be done and we will pay the Recycling Center and charge the number of bags on a monthly basis to the Rec committee. Matt wanted to be sure that the Rec Committee present the suggested Muriel to the SB before it is done.
5. Emergency Management Update 1 new case, 6 in hospital, 2 in ICU no new cases in two weeks. 82.4% have started the vaccination process. Cabot and Danville are well below than other communities. 4th of July was well respected positively encouraged. SB – deliberate how often to have to report. Matt thanked Jenn for everything she has done. If she hears of anything she is welcome to bring it to the attention of SB. May not need as much information as have been given. Delta variant is the most spreading in all 50 states. EMS is still following CDC guidelines for their calls.
6. Ash Borer update – Roland Payne – pretty minor typos. All thought that it was great. He will start changing the forms. He did knock down all of the hog weed in front of Chuck Talbert's place knowing that it will grow once again.
7. EV Station – Jim – fund raising have ended successfully – all money, signage, etc. \$1,501 plus \$135 plus \$500 from CCA. 2,136 – last estimate from Aaron -20 hours labor, 900 in materials. \$36 for the shipping costs. California makes the station and does have them in stock. He also contacted a sign station in Barre for signage. He will present the sign to the board. Agency of Transportation may provide signage by the road. VT Trans will provide signage on Route 2 and possible on 15 and 215. Not sure about local signage. Cash box – and refurbished meter. Are we going with the steel bracket – won't know until it is in. Mike checked on who is going to collect the money – if it is a honor system – weekly or bi-weekly. Jim thought the employees should retrieve money; however, he would be willing to collect money and give it to Betty. Matt thanked Jim for all the work he has done on this.
8. CV Fiber – RD Eno – spoke at last meeting which wasn't very successful due to Internet. Here to ask for money – 20 towns most in Washington County – provide fiber-optic connections for under-served houses or business. It is vital for economic development it will cost 46 million to get this up and running. Consolidated running in town but not to outside of Town. \$478,000, why are we asking for towns – feds are not providing enough – may have to go to the Bond market – increase CV Fiber rates in Rutland is \$75/month for broadband. We think we can come in at \$50. Cost for homeowner – can possibly be covered by grants. Project Manager is the only one getting paid. Every dollar goes to subscriber. All we are asking is allot some of the ARPA funds to this project. A Kick off of \$100,000 from the ARPA Funds would be good. Draft of Memorandum – non-binding, could happen in possibly two years. Mike – thank you for serving, IT was his background. He has been talking with the State – webinars – we are staying on top of it. Cabot's portion from ARPA is up in the air \$70,000, now and \$70,000 in spring. They are advising to not put money right now in broadband. We can't commit tonight – other areas in Town are in need of the ARPA funding. It will be necessary for Wastewater to receive some of this money – there is a possibility that we are going to get the county money also. This is still in the beginning stages. We are in communication with VLCT. It really is still up in the air as to how much we will receive. Steve wanted to know if there was anyone else supplying Internet out there. RD said yes Consolidated, Kingdom Fiber is another one but unclear what role they would playing. RD advised that they need an Alternate for Cabot and suggested Seth. Betty will get his email to RD. The Board thanked him for all the work he has done and will be getting back to him once they know a little more.
9. Select Board Review – bypassed for this meeting.

10. Water/Wastewater

- a. ARPA Funding for Water/Wastewater wants the board to consider this.
- b. There was no other business.

11. Highway

- a. Ian – Update from Highway roadside mowing.
- b. Sheriff – Mike wants to defer this till next meeting.
- c. Purchase of Sand – same price likes this sign. Quite a surplus of sand 2-3 season –keep getting because of price going up consider to get a little less.
- d. There are some very old metal rake tongs at the Recycle Center and John would like to put them in the metal box – IAN will check into this.
- e. Other business poles – Washington Electric did cross the road on West Hill Pond.
- f. Beaver problem in the culvert on 215 by Jenn Miner’s house. She along with others are concerned with the predicted heavy rains coming in the next couple of days. Ian will check into this. Betty did send Ian some information in how to block culverts.

12. Town Clerk’s Office

- a. Orders
- b. Update on Emergency Health Order – Spencer property. We did get a dumpster at Leonard’s home and have not received the invoice for this. Once we receive this invoice, Betty will work with the attorney to see what the next step is.
- c. Willey Building Use – Betty did contact VLCT and as long as people have liability coverage they will be able to rent out the auditorium.
- d. Larry’s Ball Field Contract – Betty will check into mowing the ditch before we sign.
- e. Other business - there was no other business

13. Other Business ARPA - Mike stated that we need to have a couple of motions for the ARPA money – motion to approve – Fred, with a second by Matt motion carried

Mike moved that the Town/Village/City of Cabot accept its allocation of Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funding (CLFRF) from the US Treasury, along with the Award Terms & Conditions and Assurances of Compliance with the Civil Rights Requirements that are requirements of accepting these funds. This was seconded by Fred. Motion carried.

Fred then moved that we appoint Michael J Hogan to serve as the Town/Village/City’s “Authorized Representative” as required by the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funding (CLFRF) from the US Treasury, to sign the Award Terms & Conditions and Assurances of Compliance with the Civil Rights Requirements by [x date] with a second by Matt. Mike then moved that we name Betty Ritter & Michelle Leclerc to be the “Contact Person” for the Town/Village/City’s CLFRF Award from U.S. Treasury with a second by Matt. Motion carried.

Piano given to us – need to have it moved. How much does it cost to move a piano don’t know? Frank googled this and said that the national average is approximately \$400. Ian suggested that we try to find plenty of people to move. Could move it and not up the elevator to meeting room and deal with upstairs at a later time

14. Adjourn – A motion was made by Fred with a second by Mike, motion carried. We adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Ritter, Cabot Treasurer/Clerk