

**SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2021, 6:00 p.m.**  
**In person at the Town Clerk's Office or via Zoom**

Those attending: Ian Ackermann, Fred Ducharme, Matt Nally, Michelle Leclerc, Betty Ritter, William Ameden, Frank Kamp Davis Barnett, Rory Thibault, Johanna Thibault, Karen Larsen, Dana Robinson, via zoom: Karlyn Schmidt, Jeff Paladin, Beth Wade, Jeanne Johnson, Allison Lefarve, Kathleen Hoyne, Dan Dunham

1. Call meeting to Order – the meeting was called to order by Fred Ducharme, Vice Chair as Mike Hogan was not available tonight.
2. Approve Agenda –A motion was made by Matt with a second by Ian, motion carried.
3. Approve Minutes from Minutes from July 20, 2021meeting – A motion was made by Ian with a second by Matt to approve the minutes. Motion carried.
4. Public Comment
  - a. Karlyn – Mike Hogan had an article in the Chronicle that we will do Zoom for a bit longer, but she asked the Board to reconsider this. It does make it easier to participate especially for those that get home late, or would prefer to stay at home and call in. Fred said they would go at least through September. If people want it to continue, we will continue after that time.
  - b. Johanna stated that the parking situation is going well. There are some exciting new businesses coming to town We need to find a way to that every time a new business comes to town we do not have to go before the DRB. She stated that she would like to have the support of the Select Board in order to remedy this situation. She wanted to know why can't we use the municipal parking lot. There were issues with the old owner but this has been resolved. Matt wanted to know how many spaces have been consumed. Karen stated that they have enough space and the tenants do not need the spaces, Matt also wanted to know how many parking spaces. Karen stated there are six for daytime use – not overnight parking. Because of parking limitations it can hamper economic development. Matt – we have easy parking for 12 spaces in the municipal parking lot. Karen said we would love to have the SB support for future. Matt, Fred and Ian are in total. Davis Barnett stated that at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade – they found parking. Will stated there would be no overnight parking in the municipal parking lot..
  - c. Rory, the State's Attorney wanted to give praise and a thank you for Jen Curschman as the animal control officer. Betty did inform the Select Board that she has sent in her resignation and will begin to advertise for this position. It does take some training.
  - d. Karen wanted to know about insurance for the Willey Building. Fred stated that is a topic on the agenda and will discussed at that time.
5. Emergency Management Update – Jenn was not able to attend tonight and she asked Betty to inform the Select Board that masks will be required for the first several weeks in school. There have been 35 new cases in Washington County over the past 14 days, 5 new cases today.
6. Water/Wastewater – There is nothing at this time.
7. Highway
  - a. Ian – Update from Highway – He stated that there is a temporary patch on Main Street and when Aldo comes back from vacation they will be gearing up to fix the sink hole. He will be meeting with Allan May Thursday regarding Old Route 2. The trucks are all up and running.
  - b. Other business – There was no other business.
8. Town Clerk's Office
  - a. Orders – they were signed.
  - b. Authorization for Animal Control Officer to act on behalf of Town – Once we have a new ACO, we will work on all the details regarding this position. The person at this time gets \$25 per call, plus mileage.
  - c. Willey Building – Insurance – Matt did some checking with his homeowner's insurance regarding pricing. He stated that if he was doing a slide show of a trip he made in the auditorium, his insurance would cover this. For events such as a wedding reception – most insurance 48 hour coverage for that type of event. However some companies do not. Each insurance company is different. David stated that each event would have to be classified,

such as if they served alcohol. Jeff Paladino mentioned that he carries liability insurance for his performances and thought other people that have a business of some type also carry insurance. Beth stated that when they hire performers they do get proof of insurance, others such as younger people we give them an honorary payment of \$50 or \$100. If they had to buy insurance it wouldn't be worth it to them. A question was posed as to a waiver. This will be checked into with our insurance carrier. The Library located in this building – what is it what we can do to make it as easy as possible. Betty will discuss all of this with the insurer carrier and be able to bring back more information at the next meeting.

- d. Approve Tax Rate – municipal rate is .6370 and school is 1.7175 for a total of 2.3545. non-residential is 1.6576 for a total of 2.2946. is homestead 1.6814 school this non homestead .627 1.6576 residential 2.35 A motion was made by Matt with a second by Ian. Motion carried.
- e. Common (The Green) – Betty stated that there has been a suggestion to have a portable pavilion on the green. There was a discussion if we could even put one on there. Betty felt it would be the same as the ice rink which is portable and comes down at the end of the season. The Select Board would like to see the deed after Betty read it. She will send the deed to all the Select Board. Several people mentioned that they would like to have some input on this as it affects the entire town. It was suggested that we put it for later discussion.
- f. Betty said that a person complained about a property that had some dead chickens on it and sent pictures. She then asked Ian prior to the meeting if he could go by and check it out. He advised that there was no open garbage and no dead chickens. At this point, there is nothing we can do about the situation.
- g. Other business - there was no other business.

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- a. The question came up about the reduction of taxes on class 4 roads. Jeanne spoke that at one time there was a break, but with the recent appraisal the appraisers found that property on class 4 roads there was no difference in pricing and found no reason to discount the values of the property on class 44 roads. Fred said that we always have given them a break. Jeanne stated that this was part of the reappraisals and not the listers.
- b. Ian asked if we are still going to subcontract for plowing this winter. Everyone agreed that we were.

10. Adjourn – A motion was made by Ian with a second by Matt. Motion carried. We adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Ritter, Clerk/Treasurer