

**SELECT BOARD MEETING AGENDA**  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2021, 6:00 p.m.**

Those attending in person: Mike Hogan, Fred Ducharme, Michelle Leclerc, Betty Ritter; Frank Kampf, Irv Robbins; via zoom: Matt Nally, Ellen Cairns, R.D. Eno, Dana Robinson, Jenn Miner.

1. Call Meeting to Order – the meeting was called to order by Mike Hogan at 6:00 p.m.
2. Approve Agenda – a motion was made Fred with a second by Matt. Mike would like to add other business to approve the ball field contract. Motion carried.
3. Approve Minutes from Minutes from August 17 SB and Library meeting – Defer to next meeting.
4. Public Comment – There was no public comment.
5. Emergency Management Update – Jenn – 114 new cases. We are about 2.8% which are up. Two confirmed cases in Cabot. The governor encourages people to use masks if outside of your home due to the Delta variants. There was a local wedding in Plainfield that caused an outbreak. 86.4% Vermonters have started the process. For the Town of Cabot we have only 50-60% vaccinated. RD wanted to know is cases is less than those not vaccinated. Plainfield wedding was 55 cases. Beth – cases by Town wondering if people have Marshfield PO addresses would affect the percentage. Jenn said this is possible. State is saying it is not 100% accurate. The number has stayed the same.
6. Continued Discussion on Insurance – VLCT came in and different requirements, and the risks. Would like to continue with the discussion to add to. Kathleen after last meeting curious what kind of activities would be considered high risk insurance rates to increase. Skydiving, scooping diving, back country skiing, etc. As you can see they are so difference. Activities we have been doing is parties, dances that could be considered zero risk with 100-year data to prove this. RD – summarize – the measure VLCT recommending that use Cabot facilities does not preclude people to sue the Town of Cabot. It is highly unlikely that we will not be sued. Benefits of keeping the facilities available to rent out. The SB has the authority to require liability insurance. Kurt Steinert stated that VLCT is more concerned about commercial situations – add liability makes sense. The smaller activities can be separated. Mike – we live in a different age and want to make sure it is fair for everyone. Irv Robbins – is there any person in charge – Betty is. Mike stated we will continue to review.
7. Class IV Road Discussion – Mike stated that they talked about Class 4 roads and they are unique. Legislature has stated that they need some attention. There are approximately 7 miles of Class 4 in Cabot. He asked Irv to discuss the Class IV roads. He has worked on them for 26 years. They had a reduced assessment from 1994 to 2020. In 2020 equivalent it would be to 2-2 1/2 loads of staymat or gravel. It was an adventure to travel the road in 1994. The assessors said that the assessment is no longer viable to give a discount on this as housing is selling on Class IV roads the same as Class I & II roads. Irv asked if the assessors had come to the SB. They did not. Mike wanted to know how many properties he is talking about. There are 3 major properties and 1 on Molly road. Irv maintains from his house to Route 2. Mike stated there is a benefit to Class IV roads to get fire trucks and emergency vehicles. We need to look at some way to have the Town to work on these roads. We have to find out money from AOT for Class 4 roads.  
  
Beth Wade – She wanted to comment the highway cred for the work they did on Dubray Road to commend the work they did on this road. State of Vermont gives aid to Class 2 and 3 not Class 4. Mike’s suggestion is that in the new budget – put something in it for Class IV roads. Matt – if we only have Class 4 roads, how long would it take the highway crew to take assessment? We can then assess what the value is. Some people living on Class 4 roads did not want to have anything done on their roads. Matt said that it is not up to the resident, the Town is responsible. We could possibly get it from ARPA funds. Mike said that perhaps he could come when we talk budget for highway.
8. Errors and Omission – There was a change in Marian’s tax bill and the owners have been notified. Fred approved that we accept the errors and omissions with a second by Matt. It was approved.
9. EV Station Update – Betty indicated it may be up and running by the end of next week.
10. Water/Wastewater
  - a. Other Business – There was nothing to discuss.

11. Highway

- a. Ian – Update from Highway – not available as he is away.
- b. Other business – Fred suggested that we put a stop sign for Cabot Plains Road across the road as the stop sign is no longer visible. Ian will be available by the 21<sup>st</sup>.
- c. There is a large hole across Marvie Domey’s house that should be repaired.
- d. Pot holes up on Cabot Plains.
- e. On September 21, 215 will be closed for the day to install culverts and repair the road. This will take place right after the entrance to Whittier Hill.
- f. Fred said that he would talk to the Aldo about these situations.

12. Town Clerk’s Office

- a. Orders - they were signed.
- b. Common (The Green) – Portable Pavilion – Further Discussion – there was no discussion tonight on this.
- c. Other business - Betty had no other business.

13. Other Business

- a. The contract for the ball field needs to approved. There is an addendum that needs to be added that we received from Agency of Natural Resources. Fred moved approve to approve the contract with the addendum about mowing with a second by Matt, motion carried.
- b. There will be an indoor music event taking place in the auditorium on October 16. Kathleen was concerned if there is a policy regarding social distancing. Jenn – hard to tell at this time, we can look at it when it gets closer.

14. Adjourn – A motion was made by Fred with a second by Mike, motion carried and we adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Ritter, Clerk/Treasurer