

**SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2021, 6:00 p.m.**

Those present: Mike Hogan, Ian Ackermann, Fred Ducharme, Betty Ritter, Michelle Leclerc, Frank Kamp, Irv Robbins, Jenn Miner, Jeff Paladino, Michael Wood, Irv Robbins, Kathleen Hoyne, Kathleen Besch; via zoom: Karlyn Schmidt, Matt Nally

1. Call Meeting to Order – The meeting was called to order by Mike Hogan at 6:00 pm.
2. Approve Agenda - A motion was made by Fred with a second by Ian, motion approved.
3. Approve Minutes from Minutes from September 21 SB meeting – A motion was made by Fred with a second by Ian, motioned carried.
4. Public Comment – There was no public comment.
5. Auditorium Rental Question – Jeff was here to go over the October 16 Concert – some background. When the emergency order was lifted, Jeff asked about renting the auditorium for October 16 concert. He has paid the amount, and supplied the insurance. Last Thursday, Mike, Betty, Michelle, and Jenn met and went through the whole process of what he was going to do regarding sanitation for those attending. Jeff stated that first, this is not a free concert, and his production company asked him to check out the size of the room and according to their calculations there could be around 70-80 people. They are going to have approximately 70 people. The money from the concert is going to a cancer victim that lived in Cabot and now resides in Barre. Mike mentioned that the windows will be open, sanitizing, contract tracing, temperature taking, and appropriate spacing is being observed. They have done as much as they can physically do. Are there in questions. Jeff said they are provided hand sanitizer, gloves, quick clean to each person for their hands and for their chair. The show is to celebrate 1,000,000 albums sold. The production company suggested asked where he would like to have this celebration and he wanted to have it in his home town, Cabot. Many people are coming are from NH, Rutland and other areas. The production company has included two thermal thermometers. Jeff heard that at the fall festival no temperatures were taken. Masks are not mandated. He explained where he will be standing on the stage. He feels that they have taken more precautions than any other place in Town. He would like to have the permission to go on. Irv wanted to know what he did to advertise and he stated where it was advertised. The ticket indicates they will provide hand sanitizer, he will have security. He is not bringing his band from Nashville and is using local musician stand-ins as his band. Kathleen – sounds like you have taken it very seriously. She doesn't see why he can't mandate masks. Ride the Ridges required masks for the people in Common. Jeff, said that the governor has stated no mask requirement. She still thinks that as an event coordinator can mandate. Jeff – as far as I am concerned this event is 2.5 hours and will offer masks to people if they wish to wear them. Kathleen Besch is concerned about the masking. Businesses can mandate masks. Jenn said that as far as municipality goes, she feels he is doing everything possible. Mike stated that Municipality is a service not a business. Mike stated that he feels that Jeff has done his due diligence and jumped through all the hoops. Ian said he is doing the best he can. Matt believes that he has going above and beyond and as long as Jenn believes it to be safe he agrees. And she does. The Upstairs will be cleaned before and after. The Selectboard agreed that it should go on.
6. Emergency Management Update – new cases 91 13 in ICU – 4 new ones in WC. It has come down a bit. 8 new cases in Cabot. Frank – school started voluntary surveillance testing – regular testing. Would the numbers should show up in the statistics. Yes, if they are a resident, otherwise it would not, Regional Planning – they are going to have Emergency Management group. Needs to be EMS – consider Ruth Goodrich, believes she has the skills. We will put this on the agenda for next meeting to approve her for this position.
7. Errors and Omissions – There was a mistake in the Spectrum tax bill that creates a deficit in the grand list. The decimal was put in the wrong spot. A motion was made by Fred with a second by Ian. Motion carried.
8. Gutzman Donation of grist mill stone –Fred will talk to Bernie and come back the next meeting to review this.
9. Water/Wastewater -
  - a. Other Business – check into time. It will be about \$70,000 for wastewater repairs and replacements and \$50,000 for water approximately. Fred stated that we need to check to see if people are putting water in the WW system that should not go into the system (such as flooding in the spring) The only thing that should be going into the system is affluent from toilet. He wanted to know if we can go check each home out for sump pumps. We will have to look at the WW Ordinance to see if this can be done.
10. Highway
  - a. Ian – Update from Highway – trapping beavers, Green Mountain. Discussion about replacement truck with Charlebois, Clark's. He did sign to begin the building of the truck, but we are not obligated to purchase. If we

bought one for 5 year, 40,000/annually for 5 wheeler or \$26,000 salt truck for 6 years and they come and get it and replace. If we lease the truck, we receive a full warranty. Can back out if necessary. Budget for \$26,000 for next year. Meeting with Viking for the body next week. Matt – if we do have a breakdown what about a replacement truck. They do not but we could run with 2 trucks.

- b. Fred discussed that when we close the road in Cabot we should have better signage and to notify emergency management, sheriff's office, state police. Signage should be up prior to closing. We should do this in the future. We were fortunate this time, but we have to put it in the plan to notify prior to the closing. Detour signs should also be added. We should put money in the budget. We learned from this closing and will always strive to do things better.
- c. Green Mountain paving will be paving the spot at the bottom of Whittier Hill next Thursday. They will do one lane at a time so the road will not need to be closed. This will cost \$3,600.
- d. Other business – We discussed Class 4 roads. Hope to put money aside for Class 4 roads. Irv gave a presentation about Class 4 roads. Mike would like to have the Class IV roads people to come up with a plan for these roads. There is no easy answer. The State is not planning on putting any money into these roads, and there will be no grants available this year.

11. Town Clerk's Office

- a. Orders - they have been signed.
- b. Porta Potty – Willey Building Parking Lot – it was agreed that we will have this removed by October 25, 2021.
- c. Other business Deputy Health Order. Karlyn Schmitt. – A motion was made to have a deputy in case there is a time that Jenn is not available. A motion was made by Fred with a second by Ian. Motion carried.
- d. ARPA money – we will need the software management approved by the end of the month. We will do this along with water and wastewater at the next meeting.

12. Other Business – There was no other business.

13. Adjourn – A motion was made by Fred with a second by Ian, we adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Ritter, Town Clerk/Treasurer