

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

Those present in person: Mike Hogan, Fred Ducharme, Michelle Leclerc, Jason Monaco, Amy Hornblas, Frank Kampf, Lisa Olsen, R.D. Eno, Sarah Welters, Rich Lacelle, Stephen Hogan, Alisson Despathy, Greg Burttt, Stefanie Burttt, Oliver Welters, Marcus Becher, Jason Monaco; via zoom : Alexandra Jump, Anna Helfland, Ian Ackermann, Matt Nally, Alisson Hogan, Bobby Searles, Doug Page, Elizabeth Vitale, Jenn Miner, Karen Larsen, Kris Schmitt, Ruth Goodrich, EWSA, Kathleen Hoyne, Kurt Steinert, Christine Scalais, Beth Wade, 614 4284331, 802 745-8272, Mary Ann, Jenn Boucher, Margaret Hanazimanolis, Cecilia Gulka, Cathleen Besch, Jeff Wood, Michael Paladino, Alissa (Rory) Mulligan, Stephany Searles, Brittany Butler, Erin (no last name), Will Ameden, Ellen Kairns

1. Call Meeting to Order – the meeting was called to order by Mike Hogan at 6:00 p.m.
2. Approve Agenda – A motion to approve agenda was made by Matt with a second by Fred. Motion carried.
3. Approve Minutes from Budget Meeting, December 6 Budget Meeting, and SB Minutes from December 7, 2021 December 13 Budget Meeting – A motion was made by Fred with a second by Matt. Motion carried.
4. Public Comment - Karen Larsen spoke regarding the process of the budget to review the budget and ballot issue to put in front of the community to review the budget before the final public hearing Mike explained there is a public meeting. Karen is stating that she wants to know about community conversation and modification to the budget or ballot issues. Last year we discussed how to make it different. Mike did advise that all of the meetings have been published for public input at any time.
5. Continued Discussion on Legislation Passed (S1) authorizing face coverings – few comments before we start. Mentioned Governor has lots of concerns about Covid. He gave the legislature to decision to decide what to do, and they in turn said the Towns should decide. This will be expiring April, 2022. Right now it is running three to one that Towns are basically doing nothing. Many towns did not even bring up the subject. There were many people that shared their thoughts and experiences. These may be heard on the recording of this meeting at Cabotvt.us.

At this point, Mike closed the comments. He then proposed a motion Cabot Select Board Decision Regarding a Temporary Face Mask Rule Requiring Individuals within the Town of Cabot to wear face coverings while indoors at locations open to the public. The Cabot Select Board declines to enact a temporary rule in the Town of Cabot requiring the wearing of face masks at locations open to the public. The Select Board understands that any kind of mandate would be very difficult to enforce and could be divisive and cause further division in the town. Therefore, we recommend that people respect the wishes of any local store owners or other public locations that request people to wear a mask upon entering their establishments. Covid is not going away, but please respect the opinions of others though they may be different than yours. The Select Bboard and our Emergency Management Coordinator will continue to monitor COVID caseloads pertaining to Cabot and other information coming out of the Governor’s Office and the Department of Health. There was a second by Fred. Motion carried.

6. Emergency Management Update –Betty gave an update for Jenn as she had to go to another meeting. Betty read the report from Jenn: 237 New Cases – 18 of these were in Washington County. 4.6 % Positivity Rate 77 hospitalized including 19 in the ICU 48 Cumulative Cases in Cabot through 12/8/21 (Report is published weekly) Vaccination rates remain steady at 84% of those 5+ who are eligible receiving at least one dose of the vaccine. 77% of this same age range are considered fully vaccinated and 48 % of those eligible have received and additional shot/booster. Follow up to Matt’s question at the last meeting- College Students that are attending college out of state are counted in the State/Town where they are attending school- this is identified as their “residence.”
6. Water/Wastewater – There was no new business.
7. Highway
 - a. Ian – Update from Highway - talked with Aldo today – Monday resetting guard rails on Monday.
 - b. Tires – they need 7 truck tires and they have been ordered don’t know when they can come in. The grader tires will be needed in the fall. Matt wanted to know why they need 7 tires – front tires wear off quicker, damage with chains.
 - c. Update on bids for snow removal – trying to get another note about on the 27th and at the first meeting in January we will review. Fred was thinking about the \$200 to do the sidewalks. He doesn’t think that is too much because of the person having to haul their equipment, unload, and load again. Sid takes an hour – using his equipment, moving in a piece –didn’t think that wasn’t too bad. Ian thought we might get 4 or 5 bids. Matt – I just want to make sure that they fully understand that we expect – good for Town and good for

- the person.
- d. Mack Mountain Hydraulic Study – Aldo and Ian talked about it – concrete box – 22’ anyway possible. Going to do it next year – prep work should be done this year. Would suggest that Doug Newton could find a grant for this. We may be able to get infrastructure money.
 - e. Other business – Cabot Plains Road – Michelle – how far should this go – Doug couldn’t see where ended due to the snow coverage. We need to do it as big as we need but not more than what we need. Matt – if the weather is good take some pictures. Ian will talk with Aldo to do this.
 - f. As far as the recycle center of moving the boulders Ian stated we don’t generally move the excavator move around with salt on the roads and would like to wait until spring. Fred stated that the roads are dry right now. We don’t want people to trespass and also dump their trash during the week. This should be done ASAP. Even if the excavator gets some salt, there is a power wash to take care of this.
8. Town Clerk’s Office
- a. Orders – they have been signed and Matt will come in tomorrow to sign them.
 - b. Other business - Cabot Arts is asking for a Resolution for Highway Closure for 12th Night. It will be from Danville Hill to the Willey Building and will take 45 minutes. Mike moved that we do this with a second by Fred. Motion carried. Matt will come in and sign this also.
 - c. Dedication of Town Report - we came up with two people and will do 2.
9. Other Business –R. D. Eno – what is that grant. This grant is from the State and we are part of the Flood Resilience Funding.
10. Adjourn – A motion was made by Fred with a second by Ian, motion carried, we adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Ritter, Treasurer/Clerk