

SELECT BOARD MEETING MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2022

Those in person: Mike Hogan, Fred Ducharme, Michelle Leclerc, Betty Ritter, Judy Pransky, Amy Hornblas, Frank Kampf,
via zoom: Ian Ackermann, Kurt Steinert, Gwen Hallsmith, Jenn Miner, Beth Wade, Kathleen Hoyne, Lisa Olsen, Therese Lay-Sleeper, Kris Schmitt

1. Call Meeting to Order it was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Approve Agenda – Fred approve agenda, Matt seconded. Motion carried.
3. Approve Minutes from Budget Meeting, January 4, 2022 and SB Minutes from January 4, 2022 –A motion was made by Fred with a second by Matt. Motion carried with Ian abstaining as he was not at the meeting.
4. Public Comment – There was no public comment.
5. Emergency Management Update – Jenn gave a count, it was down a bit, hospitalization up a bit, Positivity has dipped down slightly, Cabot have an accumulative number of 75. It has increased fairly steadily.
6. Cabot Commons Land donation to Library – this is for discussion only. They would like to donate the property to Cabot Library land behind the Willey Building and use as a Nature Study Program for the library. It is 3/4ths of an acre. Library very interested in taking it on. Kurt said that he discussed it with several people and it could also be used for trails. Because the Library cannot purchase it, they would like to have the Town purchase it with a stipulation that it would be used for Library and Trails. Fred wanted to know what if the Town would come up with other use. Judy has no problem but would like to use it for Nature Study Program. The taxes are around \$140. Theresa had a comment – if the town would accept the land, it is really important to designate it as green space versus parking. Kris – use it for library and possibly trails. Nothing can be done with this property as far as building. We will discuss this with at the new SB in March.
7. We discussed the Articles on the Warning to be posted by January 30. We reviewed each article. A motion was then made by Fred with a second by Ian to approve the Warning, motion carried. Ian and Matt who attended by zoom will come and sign the warning tomorrow.
8. Elections - Discussion and vote
 - a. Discussion on S 172 allowing a municipality to authorize alternative procedures for annual meeting in 2022 due to Covid 19 – has been signed by the governor. Mike did a quick overview of this. We will have our Informational hearing on 2-22 – Municipalities now have the authority to approve alternate procedures for Town Meeting. A motion was made by Mike In accordance with the passage of S.172 by the Vermont Legislature, the Select Board of the Town of Cabot moves to approve the following:
 - Apply the Australian Ballot System to Cabot’s Annual Municipal Town Meeting to be held March 1, 2022. This would include encouraging the Cabot School District to adhere to Section 2 (e) of this act and any other sections regarding its annual meeting.
 - In addition, allow for a Municipal Informational Meeting as outlined in Section 2(b)1 of this act, and to be held February 22, 202 7 p.m. electronically or in person at the Willey Building in Cabot with a second by Fred. Motion carried.
 - b. There was discussion on S222 Open Meeting Law Temporary provisions and S222 the house and senate passed them stating that towns will be able to hold electronic meetings and staff not present. We will need to post in 2 electronic places and continue to publish in Town also. Have 10 Days to post meeting minutes
 - c. S223 Temporary election procedures for 2022 annual meeting for positions to temporarily not have signatures. Both of these are awaiting the Governor’s signature.
9. ARPA Funds – Discussion and vote -
 - a. Replacement of Wastewater Pump Controller – still waiting for an answer. A motion was made by Mike with a second by Fred to allocate ARPA funds for this providing that we will pay for this with the understanding that the property owner is then responsible for any upkeep or cost thereafter. This was seconded by Fred, motion carried.
 - b. Hoist Repair to moving membranes (\$8,593) – A discussion with H2O Innovations said we do not need to have the hoist repairs at this time. We only need a minor repair which will cost approximately \$100.

- c. New copier for Listers - A motion was made by Mike with a second by Fred to approve a new copier for the listers up to \$3,000 with ARPA funds. Motion carried.
- d. Replacement windows in Town Clerk's Office \$10,500 – Mike wanted to put this in a complete package for the Willey Building, however the windows will take some time to be available. Mike did make a motion that we purchase these windows now with a second by Fred, motion carried.
Rec – We will have a discussion with them before we allocate any funds
Mike would like to have Brad come to next meeting. At that point, we will discuss heat pumps.
Trails – Kris wanted to know if there will be any ARPA funds for Trails. We will wait on this until we find out if they will receive a grant.

10. Water/Wastewater

- a. Wastewater Pump Controller update – already discussed
- b. Other Business – there was no other business.

11. Highway

- a. Ian – Update from Highway – they are busy plowing and other needs as they come up.
- b. Stop sign on Dubray Road Update – there will be a new stop sign put up according to Town Ordinance for Stop Signs.
- c. Update on bids for snow removal –Hydrant info The pressure ones, total of 8 ft is needed. (4ft on both sides to allow us to swing the wrenches and connect hoses to the side connections, and 5ft wide cleared straight out to the street on the front). Dry Hydrants: 12ft both sides so the truck can align with the dry Hydrant. We did find out that whoever we contract with has to have a special commercial business insurance policy with a \$5,000 premium for working for a municipality. It was suggested that we maintain them now with the highway crew. It was suggested that we hire someone on a part time. It is too late in the season to do this.
- d. Other business

12. Town Clerk's Office

- a. Orders -
- b. Review of Town Report – it is almost complete and will go to printers next week.
- c. Other business - there was no other business.

13. Other Business – The next Select Board meeting will be on February 1 also on February 15. The informational hearing will be held electronically on February 22 at 7:00 p.m. The swearing in of the new Select Board members will be March 8.

14. Adjourn – A motion was made by Fred with a second by Matt. We adjourned at 6:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Ritter, Clerk/Treasurer