

**SPECIAL SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 4:00 p.m.**  
**In person at the Willey Building or via Zoom**  
**Meeting with Meeting with ZOOM (info at the end of the page)**  
**Telephone and Computer Audio Meeting ID 633-116-0345, Password: 7yarBj**

In person: Mike Hogan, Ian Ackermann, Fred Ducharme, Dean Deasy, Will Ameden, Michelle Leclerc, Betty Ritter,  
via zoom: Matt Nally

1. Call Meeting to Order – the meeting was called to order by Mike Hogan as chair of the Cabot Health Board at 4:07p.m.
2. Approve Agenda – A motion was made to approve the agenda by Fred with a second by Matt. Motion carried.
3. Public Comment – There was no public comment.
4. Review of Emergency Health Order – we reviewed the health officer report. This does pose a serious problem. Jenn want to clarify that Dean Deasy, Cabot Fire Chief and herself along with the Fire Marshall, and Fire Safety Electrician attended the house inspection. At this point Mike asked Jenn to review the inspection. She worked with economic services and has a 30-day voucher for emergency housing for the occupant in Unit A. Sue Spencer has been notified on Saturday, January 22 by Jenn Miner. Matt wanted to know how many units and was each unit inspected. Jenn stated that there are 3 units, but only the one unit was inspected (Unit A). There is already an order for Unit B that already has an order that no one should be there, but Mr. Spencer allowed someone to live there that in lieu of rent for him to “fix up the apartment.” Will was there to accompany the health officer. Dean tried to get the State Fire Marshall to come and inspect at earlier times. He was never allowed in the building, and tried to relate to the owner and was unable to contact him. Matt wanted to know about the cause of the fire. It was a water heater that was not improperly installed indicated Dean. The House Inspection was also passed out with very detailed and thorough information.

Will stated that there was no heat and they were using space heater. The upstairs is using propane heat and very concerned.

Mike suggested that the written statement should be signed by Jenn (this is part of the house inspection). Jenn said she would.

Matt wanted to know if we can have this place sealed up so no one can come in. We are waiting for the attorney to give us direction for this which we assume will be after the hearing on Wednesday. Matt stated if there is propane in upstairs – need to be removed before we secure the place. Mike wanted to know how the propane heater is secured. Fred is that where the trash coming from – the tenant stated it was.

The key to this is that all violations be done and inspected before it can be occupied again. We may have to do an EPA test for the fuel that is possibly leaking into the ground.

Matt wanted to thank the health officer and constable for all the work on this.

Approve Emergency Health Order – The SB issued and approved with a motion from Fred and a second by Ian that a notice of intent for an emergency health order. A statement of reasons for the order was conveyed to the SB after an investigation by the Health Officer for Cabot, Cabot Fire Chief, Town Constable, and the State Fire Marshall. A hearing will be held January 26, 2022 at 4pm to hear from the person (in this case Susan Spencer, wife of the late Leonard Spencer against whom the order is sought. The statutory authority to take these actions come under VSA 18 subsection 126. A motion was made by Fred with a second by Ian motion carried.

5. Other Business Jenn wanted to make the Board aware about the trailer on Paquin property. She had been called many times, and they declined for her to come in. Dogs were left there with no heat or water. Legal Aid told the renter (who has paid no rent) that he can sue the owner of the property. Mike said that we need to have some limitations for the health officer. She has tried to get the occupant in touch State Services but to no avail.
6. Adjourn – A motion was made by Fred with a second by Ian, motion carried. We adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Betty Ritter, Town Clerk/Treasurer