

**SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022, 6:00 p.m.**

Those attending in person: Fred Ducharme, Michelle Leclerc, Betty Ritter, Amy Hornblas, Mike Hogan, R. D. Eno, Jenn Miner, Frank Kampf, Walter "Skip" Bothfeld, Ian Ackermann Dean Deasy; via zoom: Kris Schmitt, Brittany Butler, Steve Hogan, Ellen Cairns

1. Call meeting to order – the meeting was called to order by Mike Hogan at 6:00.
2. Swearing in of Walter "Skip" Bothfeld and Richard (R.D.) Eno as Select Board members. Betty swore them in, and they filled out the paperwork.
3. Elect a Select Board Chair – Since it would be a conflict for a SB member to do this election, Betty then asked if there were any nominations for Char. R.D Eno nominated Mike, with a second by Fred. There were no other nominations. A vote was called, and it was unanimous.
4. Elect a Select Board Vice Chair- Mike then asked for a nomination for a vice chair. A motion was made by R. D. Eno for Ian, with a second by Mike. There were no other nominations. A vote was called, and it was unanimous.
5. Elect a Select Board Clerk – Mike then asked for nomination. Ian nominated Fred with a second by Mike. There were no other nominations. A vote was called, and it was unanimous.
6. Adopt and use Roberts Rules of Order for Small Boards – Before this was acted upon, Mike wanted to emphasize how it important it is to attend all the meetings and it would help to be in person. Betty will get a copy of SB handbook for RD and Skip. Another important item is to answer all emails timely, and if you have any items to go on the agenda to contact Betty by Wednesday afternoon, or at the latest Thursday morning. A motion was made by R.D. and a second by Skip to Adopt and use Roberts Rules of Order for Small Boards. Motion carried.
7. Approve Agenda – A motion was made by Fred with a second by RD. Motion approved.
8. Approve Minutes from Minutes from February 16, 2021, and February 23, 2021, meetings –A motion was made by Fred with a second by Ian. Motion approved.
9. Public Comment –
 - a. Jenn reviewed the recertification and of village designation. The reapplication as to a renewal. We put it on the warning, and it was approved to add the map to the Town Plan. We only need to add the map, and we have been in contact with CVRPC for their approval. We are waiting to hear back from them. R.D. asked about expanding the village designation. The important thing right now is to add the map to the current Town Plan. After that we will work on the possibility of expanding the village designation.
 - b. Kris Schmitt – I cannot hear anyone that is speaking. We are working on it as the zoom portion.
 - c. Amy – typographical and grammatical. She was concerned that the PC would change the work and planning on coming to the PC meetings. Jenn assured her that the PC will not be changing anything we just trying to clean up prior errors such as changing ZBA to DRB, all of the fonts the same. The PC has no intention of changing the wording.
10. Emergency Management Update – There were 48 new cases. 7 days of positivity down to 4%. Cumulative is now at 112 at Cabot. The cases are definitely going down.
11. Appointments – Mike wanted to thank everyone that is volunteering in Cabot and would like to see more younger people involved. We will keep the fence viewer and inspector of coal, wood, lumber, and shingles in place. Steve Hogan 1st constable – RD motioned that Steve Hogan become the first constable with a second by Skip, motion carried with Mike abstaining. Andy Achilles was suggested for the second constable. Skip and Dean gave him a high recommendation. RD felt that living in Cabot for just 6 months doesn't seem to give enough experience in town. He did live in Barton previously and Skip and Dean received a good recommendation. With this in mind, there, will not be an appointment tonight. Dean mentioned that he is on the fire department and seems to be by the book and follows everything strictly. Animal Control Officer - RD with a second by Ian to have Steve Hogan become the Animal Control Officer. Motion carried. Roland Payne would like to continue on as Tree Warden, with Andy Luce being the fire warden – a motion was made by Skip with a second by RD. We will start the five year now motion carried for the fire warden – it will be up in 2027. Michael Socks – Energy Coordination – R.D. moved that he will continue with Fred as a second. Motion carried.

12. Water/Wastewater
 - a. Other Business – There was nothing to report.
13. Highway
 - a. Other business fighting mud season Aldo's truck with an alternator. Sid went out with the grader when the roads were really broken up and it really helped.. Rusty ripped the cord at Steve Hogan's – Dean discussed took down the power line sugar house and private – ripped the cord. No new precedence. We will table and check with another town and VLCT
14. Town Clerk's Office
 - a. Orders – The orders were circulated and signed.
 - b. Tax Sale -March 15 Fresh Start – Scott O'Grady, Michael Malone and Bean and Wendell Wheeler – Mike will attend.
 - c. Approval of Sale of Delouise Property back to Mrs. Delouise – R.D. moved that we sell the property back to Mr. Delouise with a second by Skip. Motion carried
 - d. Other business flag Roman wanted to know if we could fly the Ukraine flag as solidarity with Ukraine. Because we do have some people with Ukranian background we thought this would be a good idea. A motion was made by R.D. with a second by Fred. Motion carried. We will keep the flag up until the first meeting in April, and then discuss it for a longer period at that time.
15. Other Business –
 - a. Betty would like to have each member of the SB come in and sign the orders. RD will do March, Ian in May. Betty will call when the orders are ready.
 - b. The Creamery is wanting to discuss housing and I would like to represent the SB on village development with Aaron Page and to maintain contact with him. We will be discussing water and wastewater needs.
 - c. RD is organizing a business roundtable in Cabot – constantly up to date making sure they have municipal support, grants, reaching out to the private sector. Also working on how to generate private interest.
 - d. Update on Spencer Property – Betty talked with here this afternoon and hope she will respond. I gave her until 1:00 p.m. tomorrow to contact me. Dean will be contacting GMP to cut the electricity to the apartment building.
16. Adjourn – A motion was made by Mike with a second by Ian, motion carried. We adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Ritter, Town Clerk/Treasurer