

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 5, 2022

Those present: Mike Hogan, R. D. Eno, Fred Ducharme, Skip Bothfeld. Michelle Leclerc, Betty Ritter, Michelle Leclerc, Fred Ducharme, R. D. Eno, Skip Bothfeld, Frank Kampf, Dana Robinson, Dean Deasy. Richard Hourihan, Silas Robbins, Karen Larsen, April Borelli, Will Ameden; Larry Gochey, Bill Wheeler, via zoom: Jenn Miner, Mark Bromley, Ellen Cairns, Susan Robinson, Kathleen Hoyne, Peg Hough, Roland Payne, Bobby Searles, Brittany Butler, Beth Wade

1. Call meeting to order – the meeting was called to order by Mike Hogan at 6:00 p.m.
2. Approve Agenda - A motion was made by Fred with a second by R.D. Mike wanted it indicated that Ian was not here. Motion carried.
3. Approve Minutes from Minutes from March 22, 2022 – A motion was mad by RD with a second by Skip. Motion carried.
4. Public Comment – Jenn Miner – I was informed by Richard Amore that the "grace period" for village center designation renewals has been extended from 3 months to 6 months. Richard indicated that this means that Cabot has another 2 months to apply for this renewal and would not reapply for a re- designation. We have our hearing warned and scheduled for this Thursday 4/7 @ 6:30 pm either in person or via zoom. We placed an article before the voters on town meeting day this year to amend the 2017 Cabot Town Plan, which passed. Mike wanted to know if this vote still stands even though the vote took place prior to the hearing? Jenn will check on this.
5. ARPA Funding – Bonnie Waninger from CVRP – wanted to discuss the new funding. She is visiting with all the towns – January through March – make sure the changes are understandable. We originally had 66 items, with a rule that we lost \$10,000,000. We can claim up to the amount on ARPA funds. We can claim all on revenue replacement and then use for everything. She suggested strongly that we should choose this to make the reporting easier. Can use it up in 2027 as long as a contract is signed by December, 2026. You can't reduce the tax rate, still have to have regular budget, and will possibly free up money that we have, also we can't use for reserve funds. VLCT hired a municipal accountant to help each town. These are federal funds – if we spend more than \$750,000 - we will have to have a single audit. ARPA can now be used to match funds for grants and encourage robust public process which we are doing. Reporting portal is open. The select board does not have to approve. The VLCT has a motion for this and will forward it to us. When it comes to reporting – authorizing official – have to at least two people in every role.
6. Cabot Arts – Dana Robinson – Bandstand on the Common/Musical Festival – Dana will discuss the bandstand, good fit for performance. There is a grant Better Places Grant – Agency of Community Development – a match equal to what we raise to benefit the culture of the Town. Mark Bromley did some preliminary drawings. It requires a letter of support from the municipalities along with community engagement. He gave an open forum last Tuesday. It was very helpful. The next step after the support letter from the SB, and then have the historic preservation come, then funding. After all of this it will have to be built by 2023. It will not cost the Town anything in the building and after. Cost and maintenance was why he chose this one. Mike wanted to know where it would be placed. The corner of Danville and Common Road facing the monument. Larry said that he is against it because the kids are playing in the Common. Why can't we use the pavilion on the rec field. A place for parents to wait under cover, also a multi-prong use. Richard Hourihan – felt that the Rec field would be the best place and there could be an "ampi-theater" at the back of the Pavilion with excellent parking. Parking in the Village can be a problem because of parking on both sides of the road. RD Eno – full disclosure that he is on Cabot Arts. It is not settled to be on the Common, some conservation to modify the design to be taken down. Dana said he did not look at this option. The position is movable. RD wants to know about what should be in the letter. The position and support are needed. Beth wanted to know the dimension is 16 ½ square. April Borelli is also speaking for her and Linda Savoca – concerned about the use, noise and how it affects home life. Dana – would you support to have a bandstand on the pavilion? Yes. Mike was talking about getting electricity in the Pavilion. Dana is speaking that there is a need for this type of work. April – can ARPA fund be used for updating the Rec field. Yes, it can. The grant generates community enthusiasm, it becomes the fabric of living in the place. Mike thought that it was good to start the discussion. Larry – most of the people would like to see it be at the rec field. Karen was wondering if ADA plays in the disbursement of ARPA funds. Percentage of elders is larger than other places. Peg – she is in favor of the bandstand and open to where it could be, but the Common is the center of Town – it is a place to come for celebration. There seems to be a lot of room. Dana and Sue have brought a lot to the Town, and we hope that we consider their expertise. Richard – there are bathrooms there and some electricity. Explore with an open mind. Beth Wade do we have to decide on location before it is decided – yes. Other places are it heavy in residential. Skip thought we should go up to the pavilion. Grant money is sooner than better. Larry – he is not against it, but the place.

Music Festival - is to let the SB that on Saturday, July 30 on the Common from noon to 10 p.m., There will be all kinds of events for all ages, and there will be a, soft fence around it. Expecting 200-300 to attend. He will be having a meeting with Andy Luce re parking, and in touch with Jenn Miner for water and any emergencies. No alcohol. The final performance

will be loud. Cabot Creamery is a major sponsor along with many more along with a lot of volunteers. Go to CabotArts.org. It is a three-year plan – we would like to grow the festival and possibly go to the rec field. Do you want sheriff. The music is primarily folk and jazz. April said she had some thoughts on the parking.

7. Rec Committee– Discussion of Bicycle Pump Track - Silas Robbins – reviewed of what it would look like. Space is about 100 by 50' estimation of 30 cubic yards of clay and sand – around \$1,500, excavation work, and other work by hand, 2 weeks to a month. Dana – location. It is towards the back of the pavilion by the volleyball court. Mike wanted to know about is it permanent. Silas said it would be permanent. Mike what about liability issues. RD will there be barriers. Silas stated it is super easy construction. RD Eno \$13,525 funds – is this part of the. Silas said that it would be from the ARPA grant of \$500. RD wanted to know where the rest of the money would come from. Silas wanted to know that it would be done by donation. Kingdom Creation – it is about 10-15 years. Is there a point person – Knight Hyde he will get the contact for him. Larry wanted to know if there are any blueprints and who is in charge. Karen – exciting times, with Cross VT Trails what about a way to come into a bigger picture along with the trails. Does this have to be in the place he suggested or is it best suited for that area. Silas stated it is the center of the community, could possibly go someplace. Beth – sounds like a lot of fun. The trails are going through Hardwick right now. The Pavilion has been used for story hours, we put new sand in the sandbox a little concerned about this. Dana – will be attending the rec committee and will be discussing this.
8. Further discussion regarding tree planting on the Common – Roland left – and it was tabled.
9. Fire Department – ARPA funds, Insurance Coverage – There are 4 items to look to purchase to protect the firefighters. The washing machine works, but it takes a long time to dry. Goal is to have the equipment it last 10 years. One of the items is a dryer and can do several sets at a time to 3-3 ½ hours. The next item is a hose washer – run it through the machine, 3 minutes for 100 feet. Third item is to replace the fire hose – have some that is 30 years old. Supposed to be testing yearly. They can burst if they go to a fire. It is a lifeline. Fourth item – rebuilding generator. It does have a leak along with pin holes. Usually add about a gallon of gas weekly. Total cost is \$45,053 not including freight. He is trying to stay within his budget. Richard – where does the water go. It goes in a collection and is picked up. Any other discussion – Mike felt that it is very important. What kind of warrant for the generator – a preheater. Fred wanted to know about the antifreeze – yes it has. What would it cost for a new generator would be \$40,000. It is now 15kw. \$46,000 would take care of these items including freight. We will be getting another \$140,000 coming soon. A motion that we commit \$46000 to the FD with a second by Skip for the gear dryer, repair emergency generator, washing machine for hose and new hose, motion carried.

Insurance Coverage – This was tabled

Engine 1 – came out of paint shop – should be getting back in about 7 days. Fred wanted to know if there was anything on the grant - \$500,000 – ready to start notifying – possible June 1. Looking at replacing tanker for a larger volume of water. 5% matching on the grant – possibly obtained through the sale of the old tanker.

10. Discussion for the need of a 2nd Constable – At this time, we are not going to have a 2nd constable.
11. Water/Wastewater
 - a. Other Business – there was nothing to report.
12. Highway
 - a. Other business – there was nothing to report as Ian was not there.
13. Town Clerk's Office
 - a. Orders – they were signed. Thank you.
 - b. Washington Electric Permit – Bothfeld Road – A motion was made Fred with a second by Mike, motion carried.
 - c. Other business - the Ukranian Flag has been received and Betty has a call into Roman to see if him and anyone else would be interested in being there when the flag is raised. I will let everyone know when a date is set. We also had a motion by RD to have the flying of the flag extended until the end of May with a second by Fred, motion carried.
14. Other Business – there was no other business.
15. Adjourn – a motion was made by Mike and a second by Fred to adjourn, motion carried. We adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Ritter, Town Clerk/Treasurer