

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

Those attending: Mike Hogan, Ian Ackermann, R. D. Eno, Skip Bothfeld, Michelle Leclerc, Betty Ritter, Bill Walters, Frank Kampf, Bill Walters, Jenn Miner, Ruth Goodrich, Larry Gochey, Sandy Ponds; via zoom: Dana Glazer, Kris Schmitt, Dan Dunham, Brittany Butler, Attorney Michael Tarrant, Steve Hogan, Alisson Hogan

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 R. D. with a second by Skip. Mike would like to add a visit with Rep. Pearl to visit with us. Agenda was approved with the addition.
3. Approve Minutes from Minutes from July 19, 2022 – A motion was made by R. D, second by Skip, motion carried with Fred abstaining as he was not at this meeting.
4. Public Comment
 - a. Jenn – Emergency Planning Coordinator 2022 – she received the following from CVRPC Following your 2022 LEMP adoption re the Emergency Relief Assistance Fund rating, Vermont’s ERAF provides state funding to match FEMA Public Assistance after federally-declared disasters. Eligible public repair costs are generally reimbursed by FEMA at 75% with the State matching a minimum of 7.5%. The State will increase its match to 12.5% or 17.5% if communities take certain steps to reduce flood risk. Cabot qualifies for a state match of 17.5%. This is a great accomplishment and reflective of the Town’s efforts to 1) participate in the National Flood Insurance Program; 2) adopt VTrans-approved Road & Bridge Standards; 3) annually adopt a Local Emergency Management Plan; 4) have a current FEMA-approved Local Hazard Mitigation Plan; and 5) adopt River Corridor Bylaws. Keep up the good work!
 - b. Bill Walters provided a letter. Mike read the letter. Mike said that he would accept the letter. RD did say he did disclose that he talked with the attorney. He also mentioned that when Dana came to the Board to discuss a bandstand stated that this was not a CCA project. Mike stated that we will receive the letter for the record. (For full information on this, please refer to the audio at cabotvt.us.
5. Discussion with Town Attorney regarding Adverse Possession Questions on Town Common – We have asked our attorney to look at this complicated deed. First point the attorney, Mike Tarrant wanted to clarify was that this was to be in open session. Mike Hogan asked the Board and they all agreed that it would be in open session. Due to the length of this conversation, I would ask that people refer to the audio that is on Cabotvt.us .
6. Discussion and possible decision on Cabot Creamery use of Town water – Mike discussed this with Jim Brimblecombe and came up with a Memorandum of Understanding and read it. The Board will review it and make a decision on our next meeting, August 16. We will need to have a contract and Mike said that he will draft a contract. Aaron Page is the person we have been working with on this. In the contract we need to make sure that it is spelled out as to who is responsible for what. Fred said that he checked with Jim after the fire recently and the use of water – our water did not drop due to the use of the water. We shouldn’t have a problem with them using the water. Skip wanted to know why they are not wanting to dig a well.
7. Trails – Approval of Grant – Kris – still have not heard anything and will continue to have it on future agendas until we hear it is approved.
8. Update on Animal Control Officer – We now have two Animal Control Officers now Ruth Goodrich and Cheryl McQueeney. A motion was made by Ian with a second by RD that we have two Animal Control Officers. Motion carried.
9. Update on repairs at Recycling Center - Mike and Ian walked through building and the recycle center takes up a portion of the building. Dan Dunham gave prices on the repairs: Roof - \$26,440; gates \$11,240; and Overhead door \$4,251 with additional amount for a power door lift of \$847. What about the other space: the Rec committee stores items in a portion of the building, there are the chlorine tanks, mulch, and other highway equipment stored. The basement part is unusable because of the mold and it being a dirt floor. The building does have some potential. RD asked CV Fiber if they needed space to store their supplies. Currently, they do not need any more space. Sandy wanted to know about the yellow building. Mike said we do not have any plans for the yellow building which is a historic building. There was a discussion about having a daycare in the building, but Betty had a discussion with Peter Dannenburg recently that it would cost a considerable amount of money to bring it to code. RD said that the Economic Development Committee of the CCA is looking into hiring someone for the entire overview of a childcare facility in Cabot. Ian asked if it was okay to go ahead with the door along with the power door lift for a total of \$5,098. A motion was made by RD with a second by Fred to have

Dunham Building, LLC replace the overhead door with power lift from ARPA funds we have set aside for the Recycle Center. Motion carried.

10. Water/Wastewater
 - a. Other Business-There was nothing to report.
11. Highway
 - a. Sid and Aldo went last Friday morning to work on the beaver dam so traps could be set for them. Scott Ackermann did catch 3 beavers. Mike said he went by there yesterday and it looks like they may be back. Ian will check this out.
12. Town Clerk's Office
 - a. Orders – the orders were circulated and signed.
 - b. Other Business – Betty and Michelle had a meeting with the Library Trustees Monday evening to discuss the Computer and Grants checking account. This is a separate account from the Library. Because of this, it causes some accounting confusion. We would like to combine this with the general fund and it will be handled by class code for the ease of accounting. The trustees discussed this and was concerned that at the end of the fiscal year the money would go back into the general fund. We told them that they could carry this over from year to year if the SB agreed to it. RD wanted to know why this was separate. We told him that it has been like that since the beginning of this account. A motion was made by Mike with a second by RD that the money from Computer and Grants would be carried over each year and combined with the General Fund. Motion carried.
13. Other Business - Mike would like to have our representative Henry Pearl come to one of SB meetings to talk to him about certain issues. RD will get in touch with him to set up a date.
14. Adjourn – A motion was made by Fred with a second by Ian to adjourn. Motion carried. We adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Ritter, Treasurer/Clerk