

**SELECTBOARD MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 4, 2022, 6:00 p.m.**

Those present in person: Mike Hogan, Fred Ducharme, Skip Bothfeld, R. D. Eno, Betty Ritter, Michelle Leclerc, Frank Kampf, Stephen Hogan, Irv Robbins, Elizabeth Vitale, Kris Schmitt, Dana Glazier, Dale Brown, Robert Johnson, Audrey Anna Meledandri; Judy Denne, Michelle Braun, via zoom: Kathleen Chatot, Alisson Hogan, Roland Payne

1. Call meeting to order – Mike called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Approve Agenda – A motion was made by Fred with a second by Ian. Motion carried.
3. Approve Minutes from September 20, 2022 - A motion was made by Fred with a second by Skip. Motion carried.
4. Public Comment – There was no public comment.
5. Rep. Henry Pearl – Discussion with SB – This was tabled till next SB meeting possibly on October 18.
6. Class IV Road Presentation – Irv Robbins introduced himself, passed out a Class IV roads and taxes on Class IV properties paper. He went over the road inventory. He then went over Class 4 properties list before 2020 appraisal. Mike said we are looking at Class 4 roads and trails and this has been a continued discussion with the SB and we are going to discuss the Class 4 Road policy. RD asked what he would like from the SB. Irv would like to have at least 2 loads of gravel per year for each Class 4 road Robert Johnson spoke about Blodgett Road, and he lives past the Class 3 road section of that road. Audrey stated that they are unable to have propane delivered. She feels that her main concern is that essential services cannot be delivered such as propane. They have a jeep with studded tires and can't get up to their home sometimes and need to use a 4-wheeler which is parked at the bottom of the road. Mike stated that the road crews primary function is to keep the Class 2 and 3 roads in good repair. Mike suggested that we have a meeting with owners of property on Class 4 roads on November 15 prior to the SB meeting and that we will put it on our website and FPF but asked that Irv make sure everyone knows about this meeting. Irv wanted to know if they could get a fire truck up to Blodgett Road. Steve mentioned that it would be impossible. (Further details of this discussion can be found on the audio on the website.)
7. Recycle Center Building Improvements -Discussion and Decision – the size of the building is 16x24 and 14x24. We received two comments – storage for community functions, such as rec committee and another person suggested that it could be a place where family functions can be held if it had a public restroom (which we do not). We are replacing the gates going into the property and the side door on the recycle center, and fixing the roof, and also need to cut the trees. It was suggested that we do the roof on the recycle side now along with the soffit and the rest of the roof for the rest of the building in the spring. Ian will put together a proposal and talk with Dan Dunham about this and will let us know at the next meeting.
8. Trails Discussion – Old Center Road – Ian said that Steve Bothfeld called him and there are some problems with all kinds of things going on and destroying his property now and in the past. Michelle found that in 1957 the road was discontinued. Unfortunately, it was marked as impassable/untraveled. VT Trans called and asked if we had any changes. Michelle then questioned them about this untraveled road. They said that it should have been marked discontinued and will mark it correctly on the map. She did pass out a map showing the area that was being discussed. Dana Glazier passed out a map also and from his point of view he wanted to create trails up to Cabot Plains which would include this road in question. VTtrans discovered this error and it is being corrected. RD wants to know how we can have access to the cemetery. We do not know at this point. Kris said that in 1957 the SB had the authority to make it discontinue, can this SB revert this. Once a road is thrown up it cannot be brought back. Steve Bothfeld will not work with this because of all the problems he has had with destruction on his property. The cemetery has historic value. Steve Hogan suggested to put up a gate. (We cannot do this.) Alisson Hogan why do we have to discuss this since the cemetery is being maintained. Gleb Glinka does not want motor vehicles on this. Steve Bothfeld has given permission to have the cemetery maintained.
9. Continued discussion on Cabot Creamery use of Town water – RD stated that we are working on the water ordinance – it has been sent out to the SB to review. He wants to make sure it is reviewed by the SB. RD said he found no reason why we cannot approve the Creamery to use the water, with a MOU of who is responsible for what. He asked the chair to draft a MOU and bring it back to the next meeting to approve the Creamery to use the water they requested. Fred said that we should have the option shutting them off if we find out it is using too much system. RD went over the figures of the Creamery usage. If we need to put in a new pump to supply the Creamery, they are willing to help with this cost.

10. Water/Wastewater
  - a. Other Business – Betty said that we have ordered the wastewater collection pump for the Cabot Store and sensors have been on order for some time, but not sure when they will be coming in.
11. Highway
  - a. Other business – our new truck is coming soon. Aldo’s truck is leaking from the radiator and will be going in the shop.
  - b. We are working on a bid 2001 truck with an auction taking place on November 8, 2022.
  - c. The road crew is going up to Blodgett on Thursday and are working on the beavers on Jug Brook.
12. Town Clerk’s Office
  - a. Orders
  - b. Other business Snow Bid – We received no bids. Betty will put it on FPF one more time and will put an ad for Lawn Maintenance for 2023. She has asked Tommy to write all the places he mowed and his other duties.
13. Other Business Dispatch System – Skip discussed that the State has receive a 2.4 million dollar grant to go ahead with the project for the new dispatch system which is good news.
14. Michelle Braun from Friends of the Winooksi spoke about the culverts on Jug Brook Road and would like to fix them. It is tricky because of the power lines. This project will be at no cost to us. Friends of the Winooski will hire engineers with no cost to the Town. They would like to have a letter of support from the Town that we are agreeable, they will also need approval of landowner and make sure it will work. This will go into 2024 and there is a lot of funding for this. Mack Mountain Road was discussed but if it doesn’t have ecological problems, they can’t help. Mike asked about the Saw Mill Dam. Michelle advised they have not met with anyone for Saw Mill and the dam. They should be able to help with the beavers and possible with Blodgett Road.
15. Executive Session – Real Estate Discussion – Masonic Hall – A motion was made by Fred with a second by Skip. Motion carried. We went in ES at 7:42 p.m. We came out of Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. No decision was made at this time.
16. Adjourn – A motion was made by Fred and seconded by RD to adjourn. Moton carried. We adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Ritter, Town Clerk/Treasurer