

**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 15, 2022, 6:00 p.m.**

Those attending in person: Mike Hogan, Fred Ducharme, R. D. Eno, Ian Ackermann, Skip Bothfeld, Michelle Leclerc, Betty Ritter, Dean Deasy, Will Ameden, Nathan Smith, Don Mitchell, Sandy Ponds, Ruth Goodrich, Frank Kampf, Kris Schmitt, Jenn Miner; via zoom: Jeanne Johnson, Alisson Hogan, Jodi Lawiach (Rural Solutions), Rory Thibault, Jeff Paladino, Karen Mueller Harder

1. Call meeting to order - it 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 Skip. Motion carried.
3. Approve Minutes from November 1, 2022 for Budget – a motion was made by Fred and second by RD, to accept the budget minutes, motion carried and a motion was made by RD with a second by Fred to accept the SB minutes, motion carried.
4. Public Comment – Don would like to talk about mowing for next year. He had several additions that should be laid out before a contract is payment schedule, specific dates, due date, and would like to answer to one person on the SB, painting of hydrants – who supplies the paint (we do) dates, 7 days a week, as needed, anything extra – example of tree comes down, do an hourly rate, outside duties – would be outside of the contract.

The CVRPC map approved at their hearing, and we will have a public hearing on December 1 before our PC meeting.

5. Discussion with Rural Solution re Town Website Update – Wants it more user friendly. Jody from Rural Solutions discussed the website There is a lot of work to be done to make it user friendly. At the end of March did a website audit. Need to be able to update easy. What we have now is not able to do this. To have forms that are on the website, it would be good to make it all electronic. This would cost about \$17,500 to go above this, it would be \$20,000. Comes with 5 hours of training. Hosting is \$125/year. Maintenance is about 1 ½ hours of \$50 and open to dropping that rate as we go along. We will discuss this more at the next meeting. She would like to have bullet points of what you would like to see on the website.
6. Water/Wastewater
 - a. Other Business - Jim Abbott has asked to be hooked up to the WW and has submitted all the necessary documents and H2O Innovations has no problem with this. A motion was made by RD with a second by Ian to allow him a hook up on our WW system. Motion carried.
 - b. There is a part that needs to be replaced on Danville Hill water and we have switched over to our other well. H2O is keeping on top of this and sees no problems. Will repair when we get the part.
 - c. Water Ordinance Update – We are working on this to get a final copy.
7. Highway
 - a. Other business – Dave’s truck didn’t sell today. Going to list it on Craig’s list and Market Place. Decision on old Center Road – Steven Bothfeld – reclassify or leave it as is. Will need to discuss this at another meeting on December 6.
8. Town Clerk’s Office
 - a. Orders
 - b. Health Insurance for Employees – Betty passed out plans and will discuss at the next meeting.
 - c. Other business -Washington Electric ask to put a right-of-way for poles on Dubray Road. A motion was made by RD with a second by Ian, motion carried.
9. Other Business – There was no other business.

10. Executive Session 1 V.S.A. Sub Section 313 (1)a : Before we went into ES to discuss 2466 Main Street, RD thought it would be good to have an open discussion with the those present and those on zoom. This is very detailed and if you want to hear the complete conversations on the Cabot Website.

After this we a motion was made to go into ES at 7:27 PM by RD and seconded by Ian. Motion carried. We came out of Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. A motion was made by Mike with a second by Regarding the razing of the building on 2466 Main Street, the Selectboard does not accept the three bids submitted by the Public Safety Building Committee as they do not conform to the Towns Policy on bids over \$20,000. Therefore, the Selectboard will advertise in accordance with its current policy to have any bids submitted to the Town Clerks Office by December 5, 2022, at 5 p.m. The bids will be opened on December 6 and awarded at that time.

11. Adjourn – A motion was made by Ian with a second by RD to adjourn. We adjourned at 8:45 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Betty Ritter, Clerk/Treasurer