

**SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2023, 6:00 p.m.**

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 RD. Motion carried.
3. Approve Minutes from January 3, 2023 – a motion was made by RD with a second by Fred, motion carried. A motion was made by RD with a second by Fred for the Reclassification of Road Minutes, motion carried.
4. Public Comment –
  - a. Jenn Miner – we have secured free covid testing in Library, Neighborhood In Action, and the Town Clerk’s office.
  - b. Sid would like the garage door from 2466. He should talk directly to Steve Hogan.
  - c. The Planning Commission will be meeting with the Vermont Downtown Board on January 23. Brittany Butler will be representing the PC for the proposed Village Center Designation. Mike volunteered to attend also. Jenn and Brittany will be working on educating the public regarding the VCD and the zoning articles.
  - d. Fred wanted to know about Covid. Jenn state that it is marginal as people are not reporting home testing. The hospitalizations remain the same.
5. Discussion on Reappraisal – Jeanne gave us information at the last meeting and may end up with the new appraisal. She has been talking with her advisor. It is quite doable to do a statistical appraisal. Is it beneficial to be in line for this statistical appraisal? Jeanne felt that it would be. A motion was made by RD that we publish a RFP for a statistical appraisal with a second by Fred. Motion carried.
6. Water/Wastewater
  - a. Approval of Water Ordinance – RD moved that we approve the Water Ordinance with a second by Mike, motion carried.
  - b. Other Business – there was no other business.
7. Highway
  - a. Ian – Update from Highway – all going well. Moving items out of Marcotte house. There are no truck issues.
  - b. Discussion of selling of lawnmower and snowblower – worth about \$6,000. Sid will be put it on Craigs List listing it as is.
  - c. Class 4 Road Discussion – continuation of class 4 roads. Currently the only thing we do is maintain culverts and grade once a year. How can we help. Class 4 owners have lost class 4 roads discount. Assume a responsibility beyond culverts and bridges. Can the Town equipment be available for Class 4 roads once per season and we will charge for this. Fred – don’t have to do a lot, give them a load of gravel and ditch a bit. Such as McKinstry Road has 6 houses and may phase into a class 3 road. It is about prioritizing. We have an inventory of class 4 roads – how to put in sequence and deal with them as we go. State is wanting to make sure the class 3 roads have the proper water runoff. What about class 4 needs to have plowed – do we charge for it. There are lots of trees down on some of these roads. Jeanne – challenge concept if it is legal. Prior to this last appraisal, the appraisal prior to this was 15 years and we have no idea if there was a discount. Irv – Fred’s more effective – much less taxing to plow the road to make the road plowable. Irv’s son does it in 12 minutes. It is more the preparation of the road. There may be some small grants on class 4 roads. Mike stated that people wanting to buy on a class 4 road should be better educated. Perhaps something on the website. Irv – needs to change policy. We will discuss it in the further meetings.
  - d. Mileage Certificate – State of Vermont – realigned to add .02 mile and have gained a bit. Fred moved that we accept this, with a second by Ian, motion carried.
  - e. Other business - none
8. Town Clerk’s Office
  - a. Orders signs
  - b. Approval of Historical Society Exempt Status. We actually do not need to do this as it will be on the ballot.
  - c. Approval of Warning – approve tonight – the SB looked it over. Article 13 – appropriate \$20,000 school playground. Mike felt it should be on the school warning, not ours. It was pointed out that there was a signed petition for this to appear on the Town warning. Mike suggested that members of the School Board should check on the restrictions for warnings. Karen stated that it would give an opportunity for all of the members of the community instead of putting it in the school budget.. Re Zoning Articles 15, 16, and 17 – Jenn gave a bit of background on these articles – VCD – because the maps needs to be included in the Town

Plan, parking – to clean up the restrictions and less restrictive because we have more community related and other public areas, and zoning regulations – a fence other than a livestock fence -follow the setbacks and can create a no man’s land. It allows for fencing for the property without the current setbacks. Mike said that some education needs to go out explaining the 3 articles. They are planning to put educational articles in the March Chronicle, FPF and Cabot Connects. This new zoning regulations is making it easier to put up fencing on properties. There is always a fear for changing articles. Article 11 is an interesting and lengthy budget discussion. RD moved to accept and approve the warning as printed. With a second by Fred. Motion carried.

d. Other business - There was no other business.

9. Other Business

- a. H42 – are there objections or abstention – will have it by zoom and in person. Details still need to be worked out. Frank stated that when the school had a meeting it was “zoom bombed.” We will check with Mark Tucker in how the board does is now. Frank stated they have panelists and waiting room with full control over the public.
- b. Moderator - we are still working on this.
- c. The conservation committee to work with the FD for clean up at 2466 Main Street.
- d. Betty indicated that there are no traceable amounts of asbestos on 2466 Main Street.
- e. The door at the Recycle Center has been installed.

10. Adjourn - A motion was made by Fred with a second by Skip, motion carried. We adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Ritter, Clerk/Treasurer