

**SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023, 6:00 p.m.**

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1. Call Meeting to Order – the meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Approve Agenda – a motion was made by Fred with a second by R.D. Eno
3. Approve Minutes from Regular SB Meeting, March 21, 2023 – Skip motion that we accept the minutes with a second by Fred. RD Eno that we should keep the shortfall for the Conservation Committee on future agenda. Motion carried.
4. Public Comment

Christian Meyer from Central Vermont Regional Planning gave a review of how they can help municipalities. RD would like to hear about grants for childcare. Mr. Meyer said he will check on this. There were no other public comments.
5. Website – Discussion of Website Proposals

Mike said we need to have a refreshed website rather than a completely new website at this time. The following gave reviews.

 - a. KaVaCo LLC a proposal was passed.
 - b. Seth O'Brien – passed out a proposal and discussed it.
 - c. MacDragon-Website Design, David Brizendine –an ADA Specialists and Strategic Partner of Rural Solutions – He gave a zoom presentation and will be sending the slide deck to review.

We would like to study the slides. Mike had a question about backups. Seth said that he does all this, and he would be available, which David also will do the same. A decision will be made at the next meeting.
6. Chip Taylor – Stop Signs on Taylor Road – More about ordinance. He says there are listed 60 signs that need to have stop signs. Concerned about Cabot Plain and Dubray Road. We have an ordinance that has places where signs should be and are not there. His suggestion was to leave it up to the road crew. We will discuss with the Road Foreman.
7. Remaining Selectboard appointments –
 - a. DRB – everyone who is serving wants to continue. Amy is chair and Jenn is vice chair. We will be meeting next Monday to discuss the Pransky permit. Mike stated that we accept the membership as is. A larger board was discussed. Amy felt a larger board would make the decision process more complicated. The board is an adhoc committee – if the zoning administrator finds that it does not meet the criteria and then hands it to the DRB. RD – DRB confirms with the Town Plan and ordinances and confirm with the current zoning laws. We will put out some information on FPF and Cabot Connect to see if anyone else is interested in the DRB and discuss a larger board. We will take a look at it on May 2 meeting.
 - b. Second Constable There were to candidates: Ruth Goodrich, Nell McQueeney. RD would like to nominate Nell for 2nd Constable with a second by Skip, motion carried.
8. Volunteer Service Agreement – after Gary working with VLCT and the Town Attorney they settled on the original agreement with minor changes. A motion was made by RD with a second by carried. Motion carried.
9. Water/Wastewater
 - a. Betty report that the engineer study is about 50% completed. Once it reaches 60% the engineer will give us a report.
 - b. Water - We received a letter from Agency of Natural resources stating they are no deficiencies with the water system.
10. Highway
 - a. Update from Highway – there was no update at this time.

- b. Town Road and Bridge Standards certify once a year. A motion was made by Mike to approve this with a second by RD. Motion carried.
- c. Other business – Michelle is working with Sid on grants.

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11. Town Clerk's Office

- a. Orders – they were signed.
- b. Treasurer's Report and Budget Update through March 31, 2023 – where are at, fiscal year ends June 30. RD thanked Michelle for the report. Karen wanted to know a way to if we are on track. It seems that we are on good shaped and the fund balance is also in good shape and we will have quarterly reports.
- c. Other business - there was no other business.

12. Other Business

- a. How to get input from the community – is there another way. SB should take what was discussed and get it out to the people. Mike will put items discussed on FPF. Communication in Town can always improve. RD suggested that we post the minutes in draft form. .RD suggested that we post the minutes in draft form and to an agenda item mark it as action expected.
- b. Fred commented that he has had complaints about racing through the village at night 10 and 12 and suggested that the sheriff come in an unmarked vehicle. Betty will contact the sheriff regarding this.

13. Adjourn a motion by Fred with a second by Skip to adjourn. Motion carried. We adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Ritter, Town Clerk/Treasurer

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