

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2023, 6:15 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 Regular SB Meeting, May 16, 2023 – A motion was made by RD with a second by Fred. Motion carried.
4. Public Comment – Sandy Ponds gave a mockup of the sign which is in the shape of a tree with business signs hung from the limbs. She has applied for a grant, but in the meantime, she would like to display her mockup to receive any suggestions or comments. Everyone seems pleased with it. She will get the finished mockup sign ready to place.
5. Highway
 - a. Update on roads – the grader broke yesterday and repaired today. Aldo is doing a great job of learning the grader. About 3-4 days of grading.
 - b. Salt Additive - it is magnesium chloride and magnesium is certified organic. This makes it work slower and last longer. East Montpelier goes out less and saves on the use of salt. There is a significant saving. East Montpelier uses 30 gallons a winter. The company selling this product will provide two tanks Karen wanted to know what kind of savings. Salt alone they saved 75 tons and did not have to go out each time as it stays on the road. We usually use around 550 tons of salt now. It also makes us less corrosive on vehicles. We can possibly see a 17% reduction. The new additive is \$1.75per gallon, and the company will show him how to mix. It does works up to -17 below and salt is 9.
 - c. DEF – deliver in bulk for free if we get it from them and they supply the tank. \$3.29 a gallon in bulk savings of \$1.42.
 - d. No serious bids on the skid steer – We will keep it and sell the bucket broom combo. We will keep it at the shop to keep it clean and buy a trailer to haul it around as needed.
 - e. Tires - \$8,400 of tires – Aldos truck needs replacement tires. Can pay it out of this year’s budget.
 - f. We will be sending a letter to Kempton Randolph - Sid looked at the fencing they will move the fence post back a couple of feet.
 - g. RD wanted to suggest that if a road becomes impassable, it should be posted and try to notify residents. Sid said that they will try, but it is not always possible to notify everyone before they try the road.
 - h. Other business – We may possibly have a half-time person to help with the roads.
6. Update on new website – It is running smoothly, and the committee will be meeting quarterly. The business listing is being worked on with the CCA.
7. Update on Child Care Center at Cabot Community Church Basement – RD spoke. Had a meeting with PC and DRB to discuss the zoning applications for church and school to change the use of the church basement and portion of a driveway. Very grateful for the order of the operations. Project has applied for 2 grants, Vermont Children’s Trust Fund and Let’s Grow Kids (which have funds to disburse). Need approximately \$61,000 to perform all the items to be done and hoping to be open by September 30. United Church has preliminarily approved the use of the basement along with the school for the playground. Building Bright Futures has \$23 million, but it is federal and creates a problem as we must be a nonprofit all the way down. ABC LOL is already licensed and Peacham is the model for our childcare. How many children will it serve – approximately 12-15 children. Not ready to go into the costs per child currently. Vision is to accept low-income families. The more “stars” with the state we would then be able to access state funds.
8. Washington Electric Easement for Dubray Road Approval – A motion was made by Fred to approve this with a second by Skip. Motion carried.
9. CV Fiber Update and possible action – MOU is acceptable to them; but they would like to have surveillance cameras. Some concern about the load capacity of the bridge. RD contacted the state, and they stated that if it was on a state road it would be unrestricted. They need to have square footage for the asphalt. Sid will take care of this.
10. 2466 Main Street Update – all the hazards have been removed and the area hayed and seeded. Two invoices – pay rec 24,820. Submittal – for payment to be released. Motion to approve final pay record Fred with Skip. Motin carried with Mike abstaining. Vetere – delay in release of payment acknowledging tests results – strongly recommended a civil engineer to determine what size foundation, if the voters turn down the location we can then add to the new sale. Would be in the \$50,000 range. We spent \$43,000 on the demolition and they have a savings of \$4,263 savings. Scribner’s are pleased with

how it was left. How is the grant search coming. Karen suggested VLCT, Betty will check on VLCT to make sure Will and Dean can log in so grants can be accessible. Karen wondered about a liaison from the SB. Mike stated that Dean will be reporting back to the SB at this time as the Cabot Public Safety Board. There seems to be a lot of federal funds of covid, and we should be prioritized for federal funds. Looking at the site engineer. What is the timeline. Connor has the complete project and getting a number for the Town people. Next step – core sample to see what kind of dirt, flagging out for a drive and get an idea of where the building would go and then architect, engineering. Dean is trying to get a good number to present to the residents. Because we are looking at a pre-engineered building it will be cheaper. He will try for late summer to get the number out. It can be less if we are able to get grants. VLCT does have staff on board to help with grant writing, and we have priority. CPSB has had 3 meetings. Mike said numbers scare people how are we going to bond get grants, and what is a reasonable amount. More communication, that is basic.

11. Washington County Sheriff's Contract 7-1-23 through 6:30-24 discussion and approval. A motion was made by Fred with a second by RD. Motion carried.
12. Harry's Hardware/Den review Liquor License for a different area for outside consumption. Mike stated this is to be deferred to the next meeting.

We did just receive an Outdoor Consumption Permit for the new restaurant for their outside deck in the back. A motion was made by Fred with a second by RD. Motion carried.

13. Water/Wastewater
 - a. The annual CPI Adjustment Approval was presented by Roger Sheldon and Dan Copp from H2O Innovations – Roger Sheldon is the project manager and is located out of Lyndon. With the turnover they have hired a 2nd employee for our area and should be on board in about a month. Thursday Roger and Dan will tour the facility with Jim. Lyndon will be primary the support staff. He has been with H2O (Utility Partners) for 15 years and is totally certified. Dan Copp – lives in Danville so he will be close. They feel they are positioned well. They will be working with Dufrense Engineering. Wayne Graham of Vermont Rural Water will be providing any training. Roger will get the report that he provided a few years ago. Mike wanted to know the lifetime of septic lines. Roger stated that it depends upon the soil. They will be doing a smoke test of the lines and will notify all the people on the line before doing this. July 1, 2023, begins the 3rd year of 5-year contract. They are proposing a 5% increase from \$68,207.32 to \$71,617.69 or \$5,96.14 monthly. RD moved that we accept the increase with a second by Fred. Motion carried.
 - b. Other Business – Fred advised that Aaron Celley is putting in sensors to check the usage of the water.
14. Town Clerk's Office
 - a. Orders – have been signed.
 - b. Other business - We would like to have the first meeting in July on the 5th with the second one remaining on the 18th.
15. Other Business -
 - a. Brittany – talked about the note sent out to the Board – alleged violations – she has no other information except that the state is working on their part but does not take care of town violation. The State is wastewater and open violation with a 2nd home being home without a building permit. She will keep SB posted.
 - b. RD - there was a power cord from Cabot Garage to another destination. There was also questionable activity by the heat pumps at the Willey Building and wondering if we should have surveillance cameras. The camera could run all the time or motion sensitive and only after dark. Has there been any incident and how will they be monitored. Mike Cookson and the General Store do have security cameras.
 - c. Michelle – she was told that there are rats in the town due to not composting correctly. Could we possibly send a letter to all. It was suggested that this should come under the Public Health Officer. Jenn will draft a letter to all residents on Main Street. She did find that there are lights on in an apartment that should not be. The Fire Marshall along with an electrician checked it out but did find a huge volume of trash inside that in the future could pose a problem.
 - d. Mike – Gary trails committee – one application Burt's for personal services. Mike believes he would like to have the entire SB review it. Gary will be at the next SB meeting.

16. Adjourn - A motion was made by Fred with a second by Skip, motion carried, and we adjourned at 8:01. p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Ritter, Clerk/Treasurer