

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order – The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.
2. Approve Agenda – A motion was made by Fred with a second by RD. Motion carried.
3. Approve Minutes from June 20, 2023, meeting –There was a slight change in #8 that was amended before the meeting. A motion was made by RD and seconded by Fred, and motion was made to approve the amended changed it before was approved. Motion carried.
4. Public Comment – Jenn advised that the Emergency Management Plan was adopted and accepted by the state.
5. Cabot Trails – Discussion of grant-funded trailhead parking improvements – request for bid – 4 parking areas, they are all Town property. Old Center Road – was cleared – landscaping and gravel and eventually add a town kiosk. Town Forest – at end of Slim Payne Way – expand a little bit – take a couple of trees out. Elm Street Cemetery – 50 yards in parallel parking for 3 spots – grading and gravel. Mike suggested that Gary should run all of these past the road foreman. Gary believes this is not a costly job. Old Center Road – Skip wanted to know if you have worked with my brother. The status of the road is disputable. Up by the cemetery and it is not maintained. Skip suggested they talk with the neighbor and any impact on the field. Gary said that they will monitor and have signs to not go on the road. Want to make sure they are working with neighbors. Kris asked if there could be any maintenance on these parking areas. The SB advised there is no maintenance by the Town. Access to the Town Forest in the winter is impossible. If we could go through the town garage property and Grace Cookson. They were advised to check with her to see if they could get a right of way. Put something in the field on the left side and it will need to be 26’ from center of line. Mike will talk with Sid regarding this. RD – suggest having fencing along Old Center Road to prevent any questions of where to go.
6. Discuss Lease for Tim and Jennifer’s Baseball Field and possible action – A motion was made by RD to approve the Lease agreement with a second by Fred. Motion carried.
7. Update on Ambulance Service for Jimmy Jam Concert – There was a communication breakdown. Ruth spoke with Judy Pransky and the Jimmy Jam Concert is renting the property. They may be coming in as early as next Wednesday and their only concern is the Saturday night of the event. They do have coverage of their own. Jenn is working with surrounding EMS people for coverage. They have currently sold 1,000 tickets. Talked with CVMC nurse – it was crazy but not out of control. Do we need to have an ordinance. Right now, it is under the state jurisdiction and if we have some more of these types of events, we should have some type of ordinance. We do not want to regulate family gatherings. Kris asked if they are going to have an ambulance. Montpelier are having another event and wanted to know if there are enough ambulance covering. They do have an ambulance plan. Date is July 14-16. Mike said that at some point they would like to discuss the ambulance.
8. Approval of two liquor licenses
 - a. Request to Catering for July 29 – Caledonia Spirits – RD moved that we accept this request with a second by Fred. Motion carried.
 - b. Request for Special Events Permit for September 30 -Snow Farm Winery, LLC – RD moved that we accept this request with a second by Fred. Motion carried.
 - c. Request for Special Events Permit for September 30 - Pumpkin Berry Farm – RD moved that we accept this request with a second by Fred. Motion carried.
9. Highway
 - a. Update on roads – next meeting, expand to the help wanted to VLCT, and Sid is going to put it on his personal Facebook page.
 - b. Other business – Skip talked with someone regarding at townwide large garage sale by the name of Andrew Buckley about the position. He has not asked for an application.
10. CV Fiber – discussion and possible action – Would the SB be willing to give some kind of document to CV Fiber essentially protecting them from liability on Sawmill Bridge. Mike said he did not feel comfortable doing this. Tremendous reluctance on everyone’s part. We did find out that when they deliver chloride the truck and its contents exceed 80,000 lbs. and have never had any problems. The State says it has no restriction. A guess on the trucks hauling fiber is about 60,000 lbs. RD will check about getting some wording from CV Fiber. They could sign the MOU but will not be charged any rent until they move in.

11. Water/Wastewater
 - a. Other Business - Fred wanted to know about water readings since we have installed the monitors. Betty will check with Rodger Sheldon.
 - b. There was no other business.

12. Town Clerk's Office
 - a. Orders – have been signed.
 - b. Discussion and Approval of non-arbitrage loan with CNB (in lieu of Tax Anticipation Note) – Fred moved and RD motion that we approve this loan at a 3.82% interest. Motion carried. RD did want to note that this and Pumpkin Berry Farm was not on the agenda to approve, but it was under “Other Business.”
 - c. Other Business - Sullivan and Powers have sent their contract for the 2023 audit. RD made a motion to accept the contract for this audit with a second by Fred, motion carried. This was also approved under “other business.”

13. Other Business – Neighbors In Action just received a USDA grant in the amount of \$15,000 for the purpose of purchasing the building. They are well on their way to making their goal.

14. Adjourn – a motion was made by Fred with a second by Skip that we adjourn. Motion carried. We adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Ritter, Clerk/Treasurer