

REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 18, 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. Public Comment –
 - a. Board Approval – emergency suspend open meeting law for meeting with SB on a needed meeting a couple of weeks. Payment of tax bills – Due to the delay of being able to print the tax bills, we want to extend the first payment to be due on October 19, with a second payment due January 18. There was a concern about the general fund. Mike explained that we have a line of credit for the work being done due to the flood, we should be okay.
 - b. Also, payments of water and wastewater to September 1.
 - c. Debris in town – it was suggested that we take all the wood to the old stump dump, and we stack the wood up and people can take it for firewood for the winter for free.
4. Review of Flood Progress – Thank everyone in Cabot. Amazing what has been done in such a short time and have slept very little – very astounded. Some things that have taken place:

Rusty retired, came in and help graded quite a few roads. We put together a fact sheet for all the contact information, for FEMA, web sites and try to get out some general fact sheet in the next day or two.

 - Main Street – stripped off one layer of asphalt and found logs underneath the pavement. Tomorrow we will do the other side, concerned about how undermined this section is. Would like to get Main Street open.
 - Michelle Monroe and WCAX – rode to Menard Road. Talk to different people to get a sense of damage and a drone to get a damage. Senator Welch was good talked with Bobby and Johanna and will do everything they can. Hoping to get 90% to 10% and the State as much as information to FEMA and how much we are spending. FEMA money can't be used by businesses. Where is the division line. Anson Tebbetts – concerned about farmers – any kind of help they need. Senator Welch – keep us in the loop. How do we rework downtown Cabot – infrastructure serious changes.
 - WW System – Den and North 215 – still exposed to see what we are seeing. H2O has looked at it. Some type of test for integrity.
 - Compromise – banks on the Winooski winter. Trees are pulling away. People to make recommendations. Dean met with state geologist – going to put some information together. He is concerned about soil erosion behind FD and Elm Street. The geologist is going from town to town, and we are at the top of the List.
 - Menard Road – large bridge to cover the 35 deep hole. We have received permission from Steve Churchill to go through. VTRANS provided the bridge.
 - Most of the roads are in decent shape – but not perfect – Biggest concern is getting ready for winter. What do we have to do to get them – ditch stone, culverts, Dubray Road is as bad as Menard Road and needs some serious work. Engineering to study the road. Lot of headway on Jug Brook. Only want residents to drive on it. Blodgett Road – it is open.
 - This is about helping people and making progress.
 - RD suggested Whittier Hill and Thistle Hill – trying to fix the bad places.
 - Houston Hill – not sure if it is passable.
 - Jug Brook had the culvert replaced.
 - Recycle Center – staging area for gravel.
 - Dean – rode around AOT – Cabot Walden Line – check the undermining of roads. We will have some type of update soon.
 - Karen – timeline restoring drinking water to the village – Rodger - chlorinate the water for now. They started chlorinating it today. Once we get it all the way through – two samples back and lift the boil water notice. Start to work forward to remove the chlorinate from the water. He has been in contact with the water system – grab sample first of next week – we could possibly lift the boil water middle of next week. We are getting water for residents. There is a possibility of grit and sand in lines.
 - Wastewater system – flushing – once settled down. We should flush entire system totally or in sectors. WW disconnected by soccer field. Others totally disconnected. Combination of a pressure washer and a vacuum – suck out lot of. Main Street is an area and should be cleaned due to the devastation.
 - Appreciate the communication.
 - We can possibly be getting 6 dumpsters. Hope to get here tomorrow. National Guard – inquire move dumpsters here are high priority.
 - Should we change First Alert?
 - Calkins doing a very good job on the roads.

- Kerry Moll – check in on their neighbors. Have we communicated with Creamery and redirect the traffic? Yes, and milk trucks are moving. Dean is touching base – they know daily contact. Please slow down and alternate ways. Applaud FD and volunteer flaggers to move the traffic through the town.
5. Review Petition of Telecommunication Tower – Bothfeld – antennas on AT&T T Mobile on 30’ electricity and own building – adding to what is there. A motion to approve the co-location was made by RD with a 2nd by Karen – motion carried.
 6. Dogs Running at Large-Action Expected - All 4 dogs were registered this morning and needed to get register and keep it hitched. As long as they are in compliance, we can do nothing. RD wanted to know what we are going to do if we get another complaint. Ruth will stay on top of it and will deal with any other actions that come up. RD stated that if this happens again the dogs will be impounded.
 7. Water and Wastewater – this was covered earlier.
 8. Road Updates – this was also covered earlier.
 9. Town Clerk
 - a. Orders – they have been signed.
 - b. Other Business – we need to keep track of time for volunteers. Jenn and Kathleen will take care of this.
 - c. We need to sign the Line of Credit for flood damage.
 10. Other business
 - a. Cabot Arts Festival – what options they had, could we move to Danville. They don’t have 220 electricity, and the confusion – Cabot Festival not in Cabot. For the record RD is recusing himself. Sue recommended that they have it at their house and think we can do it. Talked to our neighbors and enthusiastic and they are fine. Paul Ruta has offered parking behind the house and Sue was wondering if we could use the wastewater area for second parking. The WW plant is very important to the Town, and at the same time we want people to have fun. Mike stated that we would allow parking but have someone to park cars and/or parkers. There should be no parking on 215. Last year we had 315 + artists and parkers and the time is from noon to midnight, and they come in shifts – could be more, but they are at different times of day. *(The rest of this is on the recording on Cabotvt.us)*
 - b. Library – need and going forward – completely understood to close the library – need to have access the computers, . Modify system – come in couple hours a day – use the front door, not bring children, park in school. Any medication is important. We want the kids to be on. Fred had a suggestion. No parking in the parking lot or on route 215. Parking lot 6-8:00. Supervision – concerned about dusk. Not using library. Something such at 4-6 late afternoon. Recommend parking at school. Amanda – restate our concern – damage done to the rec field – have to access – limiting programs up there. Amanda advised Kathleen – very limited time period – up at pavilion. Karen walked with Amanda – understanding – every child with a caregiver or parent and designated area, and parking by basketball field. See how first two events go. *(The rest of the conversation is on the audio on Cabotvt.us)*
 - c. Ruth advised that a group called Rubicon will be able to do a lot of muck up.
 - d. Seth working on volunteering equipment materials for website.
 - e. Karen – for the community up on Jug Brook Road – turned about 3 trucks that stand aside a massive ditch – it is unsafe for the workers. Encourage neighbors to stay away. Signage is important – still going to have curiosity seekers.
 - f. Tim and Jennifer’s Ball Field – has not been signed – incurs the risk of any liability of the town – eager to have it signed. Add a concern – rather talk with town attorney – because of damage. Reach out to Mike Tarrant and will then have it signed he said it is okay to sign.
 - g. Ben Ackerman – the old schoolhouse off West Hill Pond is landlocked with a large chasm. The Historical Society knows this and will try to work on this.
 11. Motion to Adjourn-A motion was made by RD with a second by Fred to adjourn, motion carried. We adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Ritter, Town Clerk/Treasurer