

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, August 1, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order – the meeting was called to order Mike Hogan at 6:00 p.m.
2. Approve Agenda – a motion was made by Fred with a second by Skip. Mike would like to add under Other Business a few miscellaneous items. Motion carried.
3. Approve Minutes from July 18, 2023 meeting – A motion was made by RD with a second by Fred, motion carried.
4. Public Comment – Ama Payman – wanted to thank the road crew for protecting their house and all the other work they did.
5. Update on permitting for those affected by the flood – Permitting is only required for those that are in the flood plain. A motion was made by RD with a second by Fred that any permit fees will be waived for the July 10 flood related properties that are in flood plain. Motion carried.
6. Flood Update –
 - a. Mike stated that the roads are in good condition except for Dubray Road and that is in the works.
 - b. On August 2 there will be a Disaster Debris Drop Off at the Recycle Center starting at 10:00-7:00 pm. No tires can be brought to this. This will eliminate the need for dumpsters on the Common.
 - c. There was a great FEMA online meeting yesterday. FEMA people will be coming on Monday to discuss what is covered.
 - d. Tomorrow legislators will be coming through. Senator Welch and Sanders Staff is going to help us. Our representative, Henry Pearl is also going to help us.
 - e. Hazard Mitigation – RD was wondering if it is time to appoint a task force to come up with a hazard mitigation. We are required to have one. The state will be looking at the big issue – where are we going. This might be premature. Future concerns. Gary Katz reported 1911, 2011 and now another flood. The Winooski River: we need to do something regarding this. Karen - we should be looking toward defining the Hazard Mitigation –Scientist all agree that we it is forecasted that we will continue with wetter and warmer conditions. There has been a beginning to collect material and looking at model for water resiliency. What are we looking at for the next 5-10 years. There was an overlay of the Winooski and seeing how it has changed and is changing over the years.
 - f. Sawmill Dam – we tried to work on a project to take the dam down and we were concerned about sediment, now that the dam is gone this is past. Friends of Winooski, Michelle Braun, that would like to clean up anything that is left. She was able to get a hold of Ed Larsen – he wants to sell it. We would like to talk to our attorney, Mike Tarrant, as to what is the liability for the Town. Possible imminent domain or use it as a green place. He has neglected the property over the years. We believe he has inherent liability. Also look at West Hill Pond Dam. If that dam goes, there would be further damage. The State is looking at all of the dams. Condemnation starts at the local authority.
7. Further Discussion on Fire Department - trying to get a temporary structure. Update since Friday since the FD building has been yellow tagged. Dean then reviewed that we basically no longer have a structure to work out of. After meetings with Emergency Operating Center have a list of vendors to supply temporary shelters. Mobile units that come in for a period. Where would be the best location. Lot of sites were visited – the best site is 121 South Walden Road (by the Rec Field). It has a gravel parking lot close to Main Street. The structures – not locked in any contractor at this time. Could be 3 weeks to a month and a half. There is \$1,000,000 worth of equipment placed throughout the Town. Ask SB permission to be able to put a temporary structure via EMS to be able to have it all in one place. There is power there and water and wastewater can easily be hooked up. Advised Connor Contracting where we stand. We are obligated to take care of the people in town. RD moved to have a temporary structure at 121 Main Street with a second by Fred. Discussion: Karen is concerned about fire fighters. Can this building hold the things that we need to keep the fire fighters safe. How does that impact the pavilion. Dean stated they will have space to put in decontamination units. It We will source out our dry hydrants, looking at other means. There will be a sink for face masks. Power goes with the Pavilion. An electrical panel on the inside with extension cords to operate the doors. It looks like within a week or so, the building may be red tagged. Not sure what could be done with the building. The cost of the building should be covered by FEMA. After this discussion, a vote was taken, motion carried.

8. Ama Payman – Replacement of Culvert – USDA is considering part of it as a wetland. Can someone help them to get this done from the Town. Will not be able to put her greenhouse. Question: What equipment – a mini excavator – can we spare this. Mike, what are our responsibilities and what are the property owners. – She has a price for flattening the area - \$1,000 1st area – then \$200 after so many areas. It would possibly be \$300 to get this in. Would this come Public Assistance. Her equipment will be coming in on 8-16. Is there any way this could be covered. Karen – water coming off public infrastructure where the water is coming from and coming to water flows smoothly. She could possibly to September. Matt could do it. We do not need to do a bid for anything less than \$20,000.
9. Rec Field – Next steps – damage of flood as well as – submit a claim with the rec field – they are looking at other fields for playing. They are looking at Marshfield, or the upper field in Twinfield. Other people have offered. GoFundMe – project items. Our field has serious problems with drainage. Let's make it right. What inventory was lost – what it will do to reclaim the field. Bids to support the damage. Where is the responsibility? What about Larry's Ballfield. We need to focus on the Town rec field. Larry's ballfield is on the radar. There is a possibility of the Carlson property on Gould Flats for soccer. He said we could use it. Karen stated that there is definitely sewage on the field. Who manages the field? It is owned by the Town. We should contact DEC. We did put a prohibition on the Library program at Pavilion but Karen wanted to know what is happening now. Betty advised that if anyone rents the Pavilion, they are informed that they are not allowed on the rec field, that it is completely off limits. destroyed the rec field. Reclaim what it was before and more ditching has to be done. First contact should be ANR. RD will contact ANR and DEC. We need to have some type of signage and roping off the area. Karen will put something on FPF and Cabot Connects.
10. Hazardous Waste Collection – Saturday, August 5 - The NEKWM handles this.
11. Debris Collection – Lot of trees are down – anyway we could put together to start moving some of the trees out. Betty advised that the State of Vermont is putting together a day such as Green-Up Day on August 26 and possibly this could be coordinate with other volunteers. Fred suggested that we hire a logging company to do this. We will need to have permission to go on people's property.
12. Highway
 - a. Update on roads – taken care of. Blodgett above Smiths were wondering if the town was coming to care for the huge undermining. Mike advised that Sid, the road foreman is aware of this and has it on the list to do.
 - b. Other business – there was no other business.
13. Water/Wastewater
 - a. Other Business – everything seems to be going well.
14. Town Clerk's Office
 - a. Orders - signed
 - b. Approve Grand List
 - c. Possible Approval of Tax Rate – The tax rate was approved with a motion by RD and a second by Karen. Motion carried, and tax bills will be going out by next Thursday. RD and Karen – approved.
 - d. We will need to have signature cards for Key Bank Cemetery CD to have Betty and Michelle to be the signers on this CD. A motion was made by RD with a second by Fred. Motion carried.
 - e. Other business
15. Other Business - Executive Session – Real Estate Masonic Hall Update. A motion was made by Fred with a second by RD. Motion carried. We went into ES at 7:40 p.m. We came out of ES at 8:04 p.m.
16. Adjourn – A motion was made by Fred with a second by Karen to adjourn, motion carried. We adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Ritter
Town Clerk/Treasurer