

**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023, 6:00 P.M.**

1. Call Meeting to Order – the meeting was called to order by Fred Ducharme at 6:00 p.m.
2. Approve Agenda – a motion was made by RD with a second by Karen. RD would like to add 2 items: add a small committee for the Hazard Mitigation Plan and sale of Masonic Hall. Motion carried with the additions.
3. Approval of Minutes from October 3 meeting – A motion was made by RD with a second by Skip, motion carried.
4. Public Comment –
  - a. Jenn Miner – update on information. On October 3 it was stated it took 2 hours to get the patient to the hospital. This is incorrect as East Montpelier was on scene after their tone for treatment on scene before they transported, and they arrived at the hospital 7:43 PM.
  - b. She also read a letter from the EMA stating they will not move forward to join the municipal.
5. Highway Updates deferred to the next meeting.
6. CV Fiber 2024 Budget Approval -- action expected. Copies of the budget were passed out to SB. Fiber is to be strung next year in Cabot. A motion was made by Karen to approve the 2024 budget as presented to the SB, with a second by Skip. Motion carried.
7. Bid Opening for Drainage System for Recreation Field – We received one bid and that was from Ben Ackermann for \$27,875.00. Chris Tormey was not surprised at the price. There might be some grant opportunities. He feels that Ben is well informed and would like to start on this. Chris explained the reason this needs to be done for the drainage work. There is a shortfall of \$8,000.00 and Chris is confident we should get some grants to cover this. Rory stated that Cabot, Danville, and Twinfield are combining their teams and to have a central field to play on will be very beneficial to the Town. RD moved that we accept the bid, with a second by Skip. Motion carried.
8. Update and approval of temporary Public Safety Building alternative site/overview of proposed permanent Cabot Public Safety Building-Joel Page, Scott’s Associates – Joel Page of Scott and partners. These structures are being funded by FEMA with the state possibly putting in 5% and possibly more. Two parts -
  - a. Joel went over the footprint of a permanent public safety building at 2466 Main Street, explaining it will be energy efficient with a wood pellet furnace. RD moved that we approve the footprint of that the with a second by Skip, motion carried.
  - b. Location of the temporary building – it was originally being at the lower parking space. The soils proved prohibitive and then looked at the site of the basketball court and eventually moving the basketball court to the lower parking space. The soil was tested by the engineer, and it was approved. Public Safety is trying to help move this along. In about a week should have the final cost of the building and basketball court and FEMA may pay for the permanent building and basketball court and the demolition of the fire station. The siren has been taken off the existing building and will not go to the temporary or permanent site, but will be put back where the old fire station stands. Karen has talked to Cameron North and was happy to have the focus on the youth and in support of the work that needs to be done. A motion was made by RD to approve the relocation of the 151 South Walden Road with a second by Skip. Another motion was then made by RD that moved we relocate the basketball court to 121 South Walden Road with a second by Skip. Motion carried.

9. Water and Wastewater
  - a. Other business – no other business
  
10. Town Clerks Office
  - a. Orders – were signed.
  - b. Other Business – On behalf of the Willey Building Committee, Betty wanted to thank everyone for attending the WB presentation and that it was a success.
  
11. Other Business -
  - a. P&S Agreement with NIA requires that we produce certain paperwork to purchase the Masonic Hall. A motion was made to have Mike Tarrant draw up the necessary paperwork by Skip with a second by Karen.
  - b. Peg Hough suggested that we form a small Hazard Mitigation Committee. Kerry Moll asked what Hazard Mitigation was for. Karen explained that every community is required to have a plan of community assessment and what we might face and attempt to get in front of risk. Could be culvert size, water bars, or redirecting water flow not coming in the village. RD move that we form a committee to review the proposals and who to reward the contract which will consist of Peg Hough, Dawn Andrews, Karen Deasy and Karen Moll with a second by Skip. Motion carried.
  
12. Motion to adjourn. A motion was made by RD with a second by Skip, motion carrier and we adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Ritter, Treasurer/Clerk