

**SELECTBOARD MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023, 6:00 P.M.**

1. Call Meeting to Order – the meeting was called to order by Mike at 6:00 p.m.
2. Approve Agenda – a motion was made by Fred with a second by Karen, motion carried.
3. Approval of Minutes from October 17 meeting – A motion was made by RD with a second by Fred, motion carried, with Mike abstaining.
4. Public Comment – There was no public comment.
5. Highway Updates – Mike stated are in good shape and work in the village where the village was paved and doing grading right now.
6. Update on temporary Public Safety Building alternative site – Dean stated it is moving right along and may be ready early February. They are still looking for a place to store some equipment. The garage is still packed with their equipment. Karen – fundamentally the fire dept. has to be ready to go within a 5 minute warning. Prioritization may have to come in as a factor. Possibly a dump truck outside and the fire equipment be parked in. The tanker 29’ and rescue – 36’. Heat is an issue for both the FD and the HW. What about the grader in an unheated place? Sid noted that the grader is at least 35’ feet and has hydraulics also. Calais keeps theirs outside with a block heater. Could grader be parked outside – not ideally. Any way to squeeze the tanker – Sid stated he does not see it. It could be way too tight. Karen – FD equipment is compromised if it falls below freezing and has to move at 5 minutes notice. What about the Creamery. They have 2 bays and also do welding and grinding – not a clean environment. RD – how to shuffle equipment. Jim Abbott has a new garage at Danville Hill and believes it is heated. There is space available for the FD. What about moving work on grader to a later date. Karen – concerns about life-saving equipment. Sid we could schedule later but what about mud season. If we have fire trucks in and not be able to work on the trucks. What about Larry Gochey’s garage – it is not heated. Rescue vehicle would fit in Larry’s. Board to talk with Jim and with a conversation with Larry and he does have a 10’ door for November December and January. It will cost for renting space. Karen – anything in town garage that can go in an unheated space. Sid – we need everything in there and it needs to be heated.
7. Funding Opportunities of Bids and Award Decision on Local Hazard Mitigation Plan – three bids came in. Peg, Karrie, Dawn and Karen Deasy and are ready to make a decision tonight – RD Luciano – referred to Cabot as a reference. It was a Barre Town phone number. Peg said he has a tendency of getting towns mixed up. The committee did recommend CVRPC. There is a grant available - \$8,372. Keith Cuban would be the primary. RD move that we accept CVRPC with a second by Fred. Motion carried. Next step is that a SB member will contact CVRPC . Who will represent the town: SB: Mike, Sid HW, Dean or Will for FD, Ellen Cairns for school.
8. Updates on Post Flood Activities and Date for Post Flood Meeting – list of priorities – moving forward with temporary building and permanent building, Clark’s Sawmill purchase and clean up meeting with Mike Tarrant and West Hill Pond, HMP, Flood Task Force, FEMA, paving is completed in village, post flood meeting – roundtable of 2 SB members to get people to talk about what we did right and wrong and an going meeting, river debris, resilient funding, replace culvert by Currier house, recreation bid was awarded and put off till spring, if it freezes he can get in there. It was decided to have a Community meeting on November 20 at 6:30. Betty stated that in order to accommodate the upcoming meeting we would need to have the following meetings November 14, 5:00 for Budget followed by SB meeting, then November 27, and December 4 for budget and SB December 5. With December 11 to finalize the budget and December 12, SB Meeting.

9. Funding Opportunity
 - a. Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Program – offering grant opportunities to municipalities Stephanie Smith, program is available
 - b. Municipal Technical Assistance Program – Discussion and a Motion to Participate – money appropriate by legislature for technical assistant – motion to participate – free technical assistance, grant writing – Mike moved that we participate in the Municipal Technical Assistant Program with a second by RD. Motion carried.

10. Flood Taskforce Update – Chris Tormey is going to join the task force. Chris and Gary walked with the school and Thomas Dunbar through two watersheds. Most of it drains to Molly's Pond. Lidar maps show tributary to Village Center. RD suggested that we name the tributaries. Gave a slide show indicating how the watershed goes and showed some photos of the tributaries. Starts up on Bermingham property to Hourihan property. Showed where the boulders and trees were carried down. Some of the pictures were taken by Thomas Dunbar and thanked the people that they had to go on their property. Next steps were shared by Gary and Chris. Might spend some time walking through another tributary, then to list their goals to reduce the flow before it gets to the village. In other parts of the country have done this. Contact the people that have worked in Cabot that are in Waterbury. Possible work in the spring or summer. Have some sense that would potentially dispense the flow. Grants – clear goals and objectives. Work with engineers and consultants, looking for funding. Potentially more funds. Summer deadlines to get proposals, and tap in alternative analysis. Municipal Technical Assistance Program could help, and a graduate of UVM, one and found one with Civil Department Engineering. Keep community abreast – big community forum in January of what we should look like. There is concern that this not happen again. Brief community on what needs to be done, and working trying to not this happen again. Possibly do a roundtable meeting on the 20th of November. Talking about Curriers and talking about buyout of \$100,000 – town can have this as a green space. Great beginnings. School to put on a slide presentation and have articles in the Chronicle monthly.

11. Water and Wastewater
 - a. Other business -They are cleaning the wastewater lines out the next two days on from Elm Street to the Rec field from flood debris

12. Town Clerks Office
 - a. Orders – these were signed.
 - b. Update on Flood Financial Account –Betty stated that we will need to upgrade our Flood Loan another \$500,000. Community National Bank gave a clause for allowing to borrow more. A motion was made by RD re-negotiate this loan for flood related items with a second by Fred. Motion carried.
 - c. Other Business – there was no other business.

13. Other Business - last meeting Dean talking about bidding out the demolition for the fire department that has been red flagged. Conversations with FEMA that the bank behind the building is unstable and needs to be repaired to standards. A motion as made by RD to put this out to bid including the stabilizing the bank with a second by Karen, motion carried. Dean stated he will get it to Betty by Wednesday.

14. Possible Executive Session – discuss Real Estate Matter. A motion was made by Fred with a second by RD, motion carried and we went into ES at 7:46 p.m. We came out of ES at 8:04, no action was taken.

15. Motion to Adjourn – A motion was made by Fred with a second by RD, motion carried and we adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Betty Ritter, Town Clerk/Treasurer