

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2024, 6:00 P.M.

Those present in person: Mike Hogan, Fred Ducharme, R. D. Eno, Karen Larsen, Skip Bothfeld, Betty Ritter, Jeanne Johnson, Frank Kampf, Skip Bothfeld, Jeanne Johnson, Dana Robinson, Will, Kris Schmidt, Jenn Miner, Sid Griggs, Steve Hogan; via zoom: Jeff Rock, Lori Augustianiak, Shannon Smith, Alisson Hogan

1. Call Meeting to Order – the meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Approve Agenda - a motion was made by Fred with a second by RD. Mike wanted to note that there will be no ES tonight – still moving forward. Motion carried with the change.
3. Approval of Minutes from June 18, 2024 - A motion was made by RD and Fred second. Minutes accepted; a motion was made for July 1, 2024 minutes. RD moved that the minutes be accepted with a second by Fred. RD had some change – on Item 13, 3rd sentence – eliminate for advance payment. Minutes were approved with the change. Karen abstained as she was not in attendance.
4. Public Comment –
 - a. Dana – parking capacity in Cabot 10:30 to noon – walked around Cabot parking capacity. He clicked 700 cars, averaging 2 per car - attendance was around 1,400 people. People parked with amazing respect, and it was the same in all areas. He wanted to thank the FD and CCA for all the work they did. Mike was supposed to have a post-parade meeting soon. Dana noted that 300 people were parked on Elm Street but could park 400. On the 27th there will only be about 350-500. Lori added that it went very well. Lori – went very well. She will be meeting with the FD with the specifics for 2025. Any comments or suggestions are welcome.
 - b. RD – Postal Realty Trust – electricity is done can start putting up drywall. It is imminent. They have a lease; however, we don't know if they will put the post office back there.
5. Highway -
 - a. Fourth Class Road Discussion – defer this for a future date.
 - b. July 10 Flood Update – Blodgett Road needed repairs. Another town supplied a larger pipe and Sid thought that it would take care of overflow. Jeremy Greaves is working on Jug Brook and may be open Thursday. Grader is working on some washouts. The 2 gravel pits out of ditch stone no idea of when it will come. We must repair Whittier Hill. We need to dig out to pack it down. Kingdom Gravel will start drilling by the end of next week. Mike noted to take lots of pictures, amount of gravel, etc. They need to find out the drainage on Whittier Hill. We are going to try to make the ditch deeper and put in bigger stone.
 - c. Karen – Blodgett Road seems to be a big concern we need for people to get in and out. Long term – any idea of what it would be. Tyler said to put what was there and we are going to try to get this out to bid and hope to get it out this summer.
 - d. FEMA coming Thursday regarding last year's flood and hopefully getting some reimbursement.
 - e. The bridge on Elm Street is very critical. ANR is inspecting all the bridges. Elm Street – we have a large grant with USDA and want to see if we can amend the grant. May have to block the area while the repair is being done.
 - f. Piles of wood on Glinka property – we are going to decide what we need to do. Executive order – if they are detrimental to people's lives. We may have to move these piles. Want to do that soon. Karen - What is the engineer's advice. We walked the tributary – before the flood last week. Ben looked at the cabin wood – and will remove the matter as needed. There is more timber coming down. Notice some motion. We will be monitoring It is not a stable pile not sure what to do with the. Sid said he pulled boulders out of the water at the garage, and it was scary as some of the road gave way when he was using the excavator to pull out the stones. Also, Morgan and Ben Ackermann helped; it was a community effort. Need to be vigilant. Karen – is there the ability to have engineer back to look at the pile to see what if anything should be removed. RD meeting with engineers on the 25th – some kind of solution to prevent future flooding. Suspects the VAST pile will need to have something done there. The river has dropped about 5' down and more trees are down. There are showing signs of instability. We will be taking another look at all of it. How long would it take to move the pile? Possibly a couple of days.
 - g. Mike – West Hill Pond Dam – last year we were concerned, and I called the engineers on Friday. Walked all the way around it. Talked with the owners of the property and they are upset and do not want to flood the town. They are willing to meet with the engineers again, and possibly repair. Need to draw it down to see about damage, this would take a lot of work. We will need to have a meeting to proceed to repair the dam. It has holes in it and is in bad shape. Karen – do we have any timeframe and need to be proactive. We will try to set up a meeting with the owners. Keith Cubon stated there is a new pot of money and he will investigate it for us.

- h. Menard Road – under the temporary bridge we have lost a significant amount of materials on both sides. We need 15’ of decent material. Tyler investigated it and it made him very nervous. If the bridge becomes damaged, we will own it. Do some kind of emergency 4-6’ stone. Tyler will be working on a RFP and will work on the bid. To repair the bridge, it is too deep for us.
 - i. Dean – right now we are in good shape.
 - j. Jenn – some muck outs to be done. Hearing from SEOC and not community members. I am trying to encourage 211.
 - k. We have a web page and need to add volunteer coordination as we did last year.
- 6. Errors and Omissions – Listers, Review and Approve – We have two parcels, one is the BCA grievance and parcel transfer to a lot line adjustment. Net reduction of \$5,140, State Current use is changing Herkimer group filed. A motion was made by Fred with a second by RD, motion carried.
- 7. Water and Wastewater
 - a. Other Business – Rodger is in the process of getting the membranes analyzed to find out why they fail quickly. Once he receives the analysis, he will let us know.
 - b. Also, we have need to decide whether we would like the membranes shipped by air which will be here very soon or have them come by ship. If we have them shipped by ship, we will be spending money for Taplin to pump out. A motion was made by Fred with a second by RD to ship by air, motion carried.
- 8. Town Clerks Office
 - a. Orders – they are signed
 - b. Other business
 - 1. We will look at the mowing for Elm Street to see if it needs to be mowed before the event on the 27th. Betty will be getting costs for mowing from DR Mowing.
 - 2. Betty has had several people talk about how dangerous it is to pull out from Whittier Hill. We will see about putting a mirror up to see cars coming from 215 and talk with Jan Westervelt about trimming some of the bushes.
 - 3. Chris Tormey said that he will need more seed as some of the seed was washed away last week. It will cost around \$1,200-\$1,500. It was agreed that we should purchase this.
- 9. Other Business
 - a. Review Non-Arbitrage Loan and Approve – a motion was made by RD with a second by Mike that we approve the non-arbitrage. Motion carried.
 - b. Mike stated that we need to borrow some more money for flood damage. He is asking for \$500,000. This will include damage on Jug Brook Road and Menard Road. A motion was made by RD with a second by Fred, motion carried.
 - c. RD wanted to let everyone know that Patricia DiStefiano passed away.
 - d. Karen – because we are postponing the ambulance situation, District 6 will need to review the fast squad structure. They review the application – every other month – August and then October. Jenn stated that even on the odd months. Mike stated we will have the Executive Session at the next meeting.
 - e. Setting the tax rate – We will have a meeting on Tuesday, July 23 at 5:00 p.m.
- 10. Executive Session – Cabot Emergency Ambulance Service – Contract Discussion – deferred until next meeting on August 6.
- 11. Motion to Adjourn – A motion was made by Fred with a second by RD, motion carried. We adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Ritter, Town Clerk