

**SELECTBOARD HEARING ON PROPOSED TOWN PLAN
TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025 7:00 P.M.
WILLEY BUILDING MEETING ROOM**

Those in attendance: Mike Hogan, Karen Larsen, Skip Bothfeld, RD Eno, Brittany Butler, Betty Ritter, Will Ameden, Bobby Searles, via zoom: Peg Elmer Hough, Alisson Hogan, Dean Deasy, Dawn Andrews, Alisson Hogan

1. Call Hearing to Order – The meeting was called to order 7:01 PM to review the Town Plan and to have SB Approval for tonight

2. Review of Proposed Town Plan – Bobby stated that the PC went through section by section for the next 8 years. Latest information with the most current 2020 census. 115 town surveys were returned along with Seth's help. I tried to take out old language, didn't change plan, flood mitigation, PC a month ago. It then went to CVRPC. They also reviewed other Town Plans. It wasn't a rewrite, just more current data. Skip asked why the information that Dean just submitted was more specific and the Plan is general. The FD needs to upgrade general equipment. All other entities were generalized for the next 7 years. Made the goals general and nothing to cut anything out, not a very specific plan. All his information is in the Plan, but it is not a to list each piece of equipment, but he could use his information for the capital plan. The need to stress is quite common for other plans. Dean stated that for the department it needs to be transparent as possible for the residents to see. Bobby – this is not a purpose for specific. It is in accordance with the Plan. We agree everything transparent – we are very vague on purpose, so you are not limited to buying a particular item or vehicle. This needs to be in reports, budgets, etc., and it opens the door with any grants. Mike suggested to the Board take his suggestions and put in the plan as an appendix. Karen we could put it in as a specific project in the next 7 years. RD – Town Plan contains only specific, and we didn't cut it for any other reason – completely vague. Karen – Could we perhaps put it in italics – it is indeed in the town plan of the fire section. Once you change it this may have to go to another hearing. A motion was made to accept the Town Plan as written with the FD request to be in italics as an appendage, as long as we don't have to have another hearing, with a second by RD. Motion carried. Bobby and Brittany will discuss this appendix with CVRPC.

Fire and ambulance – the information is not correct. ambulance question – understand to be prove about 7-8 years – we kept it the same as well – Glenn stated that indeed is a not nonprofit, and they no longer work with Barre. If it is not accurate, it needs to be changed. Purpose of the hearing. Glenn was on committee at submitted and we received no update. Protocol – vote to strike the line one of the minor changes.

Peg – making attention to append go back to CVRPC – doesn't require another hearing changes as minor as that. Glenn didn't apply. After much discussion and Bobby mentioning Bobby – has a rich history with Cabot, Cabot Ambulance and 1968 was founded. This is what we came up with:

“The Town currently has a contract to provide emergency medical transport with Cabot Emergency Ambulance Service, a private corporation that has been serving Cabot since 1967. CEAS was formerly housed with the Fire Department, but the 2023 flood undermined the Fire Station and forced its condemnation. FEMA provided funding for a temporary firehouse and will fund a future planned permanent Public Safety Building, but it would not permit the privately-owned CEAS to be housed in either the temporary or the new public facility.

CEAS is supported by donations, appropriations from the Town of Cabot and insurance reimbursements. There is currently one ambulance in service. Emergency medical transport service in Cabot is embedded in the District 6 Mutual Aid structure, and the Town remains committed to providing such service to its residents and visitors.

Challenge/Needs: Finding a secure facility in which to park the ambulance is necessary.” The Town currently has a contract with Cabot Ambulance to provide Transport. Approved with edits. Fred did not vote as he was on an emergency call.

3. Other Business - there was no other business.

4. Motion to Adjourn a motion was made by Karen with a second by Skip, the motion carried, and we adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Ritter, Town Clerk