

Thursday Aug 6, 2026-Special Meeting – Jen Miner, Skip Bothfeld, Peggy Miller, Mike Hogan, Jeanne Johnson, Gary Gulka, Amy Monahan

Summary

The Special Meeting for the Cabot Select Board was called to discuss truck refurbishment. Gary reported that he had sent a contract to Tyler Billingsley for approval, which included provisions about funding from community development and the need for a grant award before work could begin. Gary mentioned that Tyler had scheduled a drill to conduct borings around a bridge as part of the planning process.

Drill Boring Project Delays

Gary discussed challenges with scheduling drill boring work for a project, as the contractor indicated a 4-month delay due to limited availability and restrictions on pre-award activities. The possibility of using CCIF funds as an alternative, but noted this would require a board vote and clarification on reimbursement eligibility. The environmental review, which is being conducted under contract, is behind schedule, and the grant award itself is pending completion and approval of this review, which could take another month.

Project Status and Progress Updates

Jen acknowledged the hard work put into the project by Gary and the town, but noted that significant progress is still pending due to external factors such as waiting for an MOU and environmental review. She emphasized that despite some delays and obstructions, the project remains important and needs to move forward. The discussion highlighted the current status of the project and acknowledged the ongoing waiting period.

Project Funding and Allocation Discussion

Jen discussed contacting Tyler about a project that is expected to receive funding, though there is a delay in the award process. She then explained that Sid had contacted her about significant issues with his truck refurbishment project, including a broken gear tooth in the transmission that would cost \$6,500 to replace. Jen informed Sid that a special meeting would be held to consider an additional \$20,000 allocation for the truck refurbishment project.

Truck Refurbishment Funding Approval

The board discussed approving an additional \$20,000 for truck refurbishment, bringing the total to \$35,000. Jen explained that Sid had found a transmission issue and estimated the total cost would be about half the price of a new truck. The board approved the additional funding, with the money to be taken from the planned \$25,000 equipment fund allocation.

The board also noted that Sid plans to sell the dump body for \$15,000-\$20,000, which will help offset the equipment fund. Motion To approve additional spending of up to 20,000 by Mike and 2nd by Peggy. Amy asked where this money was going to come out of? Jen said the equipment fund. All are in favor, motion passed.

Motion to Adjourn by Peggy at 12:16 and 2nd by skip, all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Butler