

MINUTES OF THE CABOT SELECTBOARD (SB)
21 NOVEMBER 2007

The Cabot Board of Selectpersons did meet, as warned, at the Willey Building on 21 November 2007 at 7:00 p.m..

Attending were: Jefferson Tolman, Jim Brimblecombe, Carlton Domey, Larry Gochey (SB Member), Ted Domey (SB Member), Caleb Pitkin (SB Chair), and Doug Harvey (Town Clerk – Treasurer).

Selectboard Agenda, copy attached hereto, reviewed and duly noted.

Caleb called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

1. Agenda Item (AI) 1 – Approval of Minutes. Ted moved to approve the minutes of 07 November 2007 meetings as printed; Larry seconded. No discussion, motion passed unanimously.
2. AI 2 – Public Comment - Public Comments will be addressed under the corresponding agenda item, as required.
3. AI 3 – Administrative Duties
 - AI 3a – Earth Tech Contract / Annual Increase Review – Jefferson Tolman introduced himself as the new Earth Tech Regional Manager. Jefferson provided the SB the proposed Contract Extension and Compensation Adjustment package for review. The proposal recommended, 1) extending the contract for an additional five years and 2) a 3.5% cost of living increase for the next contract year. The SB reviewed and discussed the same. Larry moved to sign the contract; Ted seconded. No further discussion, motion passed unanimously. SB signed the same.
 - AI 3b – 2007 Budget Review (To Date) – Doug provided a “Profit & Loss - Budget versus Actual” report, dated 21 November 2007, for review. The SB reviewed and discussed the same. The major topic of discussion /contention concerned the budgeted versus actual cost of the new highway truck – a difference of \$45k. Based upon the current figures the highway fund will be approximately \$25K – 30K over the proposed budget figure.
4. AI 4 - Correspondence
 - AI 4a – Washington County Sherriff’s Department – Yearly Recap; SB reviewed the same. No action required.
 - AI 4b – Bernie Sanders – Invite to “Listening Session 28 November 2007; SB reviewed the same. No action required.

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- AI 4c - Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) – 1) FY09 Dues; SB reviewed and discussed the same. No action required. 2) Voluntary Life Insurance Program; SB reviewed the same. No action taken.
- AI 4d – State of Vermont, Policy & Planning Division – Mapping Unit – Ancient Roads Survey; SB reviewed and discussed the same. Ted agreed to complete the survey and provide it to Doug for submission to the state.

5. AI 5 – Legal

- AI 5a – Ken Davis Property – Doug informed the SB that Ken Davis had contacted Charles Merriman (Town Attorney) seeking a two week extension for completing the requested Interrogatories; extension was granted.
- AI 5b –Discontinuing of Town Right of Way (ROW) (Old T.H. No. 39) on Ruth Glaude’s Property; Doug informed the SB that Charles Merriman is preparing a deed that gives the town an additional 30 foot ROW at the corners of Whittier Hill and Smith roads, per agreement with Ms. Glaude.

6. AI 6 – Other Business

- AI 6a – McCullough Crushing Inc., – Larry presented a proposed “letter of concern” for review, addressing the closure of the McCullough East Calais pit. Cabot has relied on the McCullough pit to meet the Towns requirements for over 25 years; The SB reviewed and discussed the same and agreed a couple minor changes should be made to the letter. Larry moved to approve the letter as amended; Ted seconded. No further discussion, motion passed unanimously.
- AI 6b – Excessive Dog Barking Complaint – Caleb and Ted both indicated that they had received complaints concerning excessive barking from Jennifer Person’s dogs on Bricketts Crossing road. After a discussion, the SB tasked Doug to send a letter, including a copy of the Dog Ordinance, to Jennifer addressing the complaints.

7. Larry moved to adjourn the meeting; Ted seconded. No discussion, meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Douglas Harvey; Town Clerk – Treasurer

The next regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting will be held
Wednesday December 5th, 2007 at 7 pm