

MINUTES OF THE CABOT SELECTBOARD (SB)
01 AUGUST 2007 MEETING

The Cabot Board of Selectpersons did meet, as warned, at the Willey Building on 01 August 2007 at 7:00 p.m..

Attending were: Gary Savoca, RD Eno, Andy Leinoff, Mark Codling, Rikk Taft, Perry Mason, Ted Domey (SB Member), Larry Gochev (SB Member) and 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. Larry moved to approve the minutes of 16 May 2007 and 18 July 2007 as printed; Ted seconded. No discussion, motion passed unanimously.

2. AI 2 – Public Comment – Gary Savoca addressed a concern of speeding on Danville Hill Road. Larry indicated that Traffic Sensor/Counter mechanisms had recently been placed at four (4) town locations. This data is provided to the Sherriff's department to assist them in determining what areas require patrolling.

Other Public Comments will be addressed under the corresponding agenda item.

3. AI 3 – Administrative Duties

AI 3a – AG Edwards – Owner/Authorized Person Worksheets; SB members reviewed the same. SB members completed the required worksheets.

AI 3b – Chittenden – Business Account Agreement, Government Banking Resolution, and eBanking Maintenance Form; SB members reviewed the same. Larry moved to accept and sign the Resolution; Ted seconded. No discussion, passed unanimously, SB members signed the same.

AI 3c – Mutual Aid Agreement for Firefighting Services between Cabot and Danville; Doug indicated that he had provided the agreement to Walter (Skip) Bothfeld Jr., Cabot Fire Chief, for review and approval but had not received Skip's concurrence on the agreement.

No further Administrative Duties.

4. AI 4 - Correspondence

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AI 4a – Preservation Trust of Vermont – Willey Building Grant; SB reviewed the same. After discussion, SB directed the correspondence be forwarded to David Carpenter, Willey Building Committee Chair, to coordinate the effort.

AI 4b – Department of Buildings and General Services – Recreational and Educational Facilities Grant and Human Services Competitive Grant Applications; SB reviewed the same. Doug indicated that he had provided a copy of Recreational Grant to Libby Hale, Recreational Committee Chair. SB directed a copy of the Human Services Grant be provided to Lori Augustyniak, Cabot Coalition.

AI 4c – Senator Sanders Letter – Invite to “Listening Session” on Economic and Infrastructural Needs in the Northeast Kingdom; SB reviewed the same; No action required.

AI 4d – Department of Environmental Conservation – Water System Improvements Funding Bypass; SB reviewed and discussed the same. The letter indicated that the Cabot project had been bypassed because no action had been taken on securing a municipal bond for the project. Larry stated that he would discuss this issue with Brian Houghton, Village Trustees and to invite them to a future SB meeting to determine a course of action.

AI 4e – Friends of Rail Trail Seek Public Comment; SB reviewed the same; No action required.

No further Correspondence.

5. AI 5 – Legal – No legal business to discuss.

6. AI 6 – Other Business

AI 6a – Dog Issues; Gary Savoca inquired if the town had a dog ordinance and if so, did the ordinance address the owners responsibility for policing up after their own dogs. Caleb stated that the town ordinance requires that the animal be under control of the owner at all times, but does not specifically discuss picking up “dog do”. Larry showed two of the signs the town had procured, 1 for controlling and the other for cleaning up after your animal, and stated that the signs would be installed around town in the near future.

Perry Mason informed the SB that he and his family were still having a problem with vicious dogs at the Spencer property on Main Street. Caleb indicated that the SB would invite Leonard Spencer, building owner, to the next meeting to discuss the on-going dog issues at his Main Street property. In the meantime, Caleb suggested, that the Mason’s contact Mr. Spencer, via mail addressing their issues and concerns.

AI 6b – Warranty Deeds – Land next to Willey Building; SB reviewed the same. After a discussion it was determined that additional research was required.

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AI 6c – Zoning Fees – Proposed Fee Schedule; Carlton Domey was unable to attend the meeting – issue tabled until next meeting.

Telecommunication Facilities Project – Doug informed the SB that a Condition for payment of legal fees had been added to the permit, before it was issued.

AI 6d – Cabot Skylighters Landowners Permission Form; After discussing future plans with Mark Codling and Rikk Taft, Cabot Skylighters members, Larry moved to accept and sign the permission form; Ted seconded. No discussion, motion passed unanimously. Caleb signed the permission form.

AI 6e – Request for Road Closure on Whittier Hill – Ruth Glaude; SB discussed the same; Larry suggested and Caleb agreed to contact Ruth to discuss a possible land swap – a corner section of her property for the current town right-of-way that runs through her property.

AI 6f – Ultramar Heating Fuel Negotiations; Larry stated he had contacted Ultramar but had not yet received a proposal back from them. Issue will be discussed at the next SB meeting.

AI 6g – UDAG Account Discussion; Andy Leinoff indicated that he had collected all of the UDAG Historical data from the Town Clerks office. He also provided the SB an overview of the current year UDAG financial status. The SB requested and Andy agreed to continue to provide them monthly status reports for the UDAG accounts.

AI 6h – Open Town Positions - Lister and Auditor; Doug informed the SB that Liz Harvey had resigned from her Auditor position in-accordance with Title 17 V.S.A. § 2647, Incompatible Offices. The SB accepted her resignation and directed Doug to post the vacancy within the next 10 days. As of yet, the SB has taken no action to fill the current open Lister position.

AI 6i – Sawmill Road Bridge; Ted indicated that he had received and reviewed the plans for the new bridge. After a discussion, Ted agreed to evaluate the possibility of the Town of Cabot keeping the temporary bridge and any salvageable material from the old bridge, for use elsewhere within the town once the new bridge construction was complete.

AI 6j – Floodplain Package; Ted stated that he had reviewed the new Floodplain package and did not see where Cabot may be affected. Issue will be discussed at the next SB meeting.

AI 6k – Willey Building Elevator; RD Eno, Willey Building Committee, was concerned that no progress had been made on repairing the elevator, since the vandalism occurred over six months ago. He stated that an estimate for \$1720.00 was provided by a company from Brattleboro and that all but a \$500.00 deductible would be covered by the insurance company. RD also stated that Connie Koeller, Librarian, had notified him of problems with operating the elevator. After a discussion, the SB authorized RD to take

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the lead on determining the claim status and for providing other options for getting the elevator repaired.

AI – New – Wastewater Chair Appointment; SB discussed the need for appointing a new chair for the Wastewater Committee. Ted moved to appoint Michael Hogan to chair the Wastewater Committee; Larry seconded. No discussion, motion passed unanimously.

AI – Add – Chatot/Forant Properties; Caleb indicated that he had spoken with Carlton Domey, Zoning Administrator, who stated that no permits have been issued to Mr. Forant; SB discussed how to proceed with the Chatot complaint, of an illegally built structure on the Forant property. Ted indicated that he would try to do a site-visit to the Forant property, prior to the next SB meeting, to determine what, if any, illegal structures have been built on the site.

No further Other Business.

7. Larry moved to adjourn the meeting; Ted seconded. No discussion, meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Douglas Harvey; Town Clerk – Treasurer

**The next regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting will be held
TUESDAY AUGUST 14, 2007 at 7 pm**

ATTACHMENT #1

AFTER THE FACT INFO: 2 August 2007 – Agenda Item 6k - Doug verified that the insurance company had already provided a check to the Town, in the amount of \$1220.00, to cover the elevator damage. Larry, Doug and Carlton Domey operated the elevator without incident. Larry and Carlton inspected the vandalism damage and believe that the repairs can be made locally. They will provide an update at the next SB meeting. Doug notified RD of all the above.