

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 7:00 PM

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Those attending were Fred Ducharme, Jack Daniels, Ted Domey, Bernie Shatney, Mike Hogan, Karen Deasy, Edward Smith, Cecila Gulka, Lynn Jones, Jeannie McCullom, Judy Pransky, Amy Hornblas, Stephen Godin, Michelle Leclerc, and Betty Ritter
2. Jack asked if there was anything to add to the agenda. Jack wanted to add to discuss changing date and time of Town Meeting, Fred would like to add Faith in Action lease, and Karen would like to add under Other Business a landowner's complaint. Fred moved that we accept the agenda with the additions and Bernie seconded. Motion passed.
3. Approve following minutes:
 - a. January 3 Budget Committee Meeting – Ted motioned that we accept the minutes as printed, seconded by Mike, motion passed.
 - b. January 3 Selectboard Meeting – Fred had one change that it was Cliff Bancroft not Phil Bancroft. A motion was made by Fred to accept the minutes with the change, seconded by Mike. Motion passed.
 - c. January 10 Budget Committee Meeting – Bernie motioned that we accept the minutes as printed, Fred seconded, motion passed.
4. Public Comment – Jack would like to commend Betty on Cabot's first Blood Drive for Cabot. We have scheduled the next blood drive for March 27th.
5. Discuss changing the date and time of Town Meeting – Jack discussed about changing the Town Meeting to Saturday a.m. or p.m. Monday night and share it with the school or leave it the same. Fred wants to leave it on Tuesday, Ted would like to leave it Tuesday and have an article for the voters decide. Bernie wants to leave it the same. Mike would like to leave it on Tuesday and likes Ted's idea. Ed Smith has discussed it with people and they voted for the Australian ballot because they can't make it to Town Meeting. Judy Pransky is worried about changing it to evenings because of daycare. Cecilia Gulka likes Saturday during the day. Stephen Godin agrees with Fred. He has also done some research on towns that change dates and Saturday's didn't get many more. Lynn Jones would like to see that it would change so more people will be able to attend. Would like the school and the town on the same day. Not evenings. Jeanne McCullum would like to have it move to Saturday. Amy Hornblas had no comment. Betty would like to have them combined. Times are changing and think that people wouldn't come out on Saturday. Jack thought about changing it to start at 9 am. Karen would like to move school and town together on Tuesday Town Meeting day. It was suggested that Betty go on Front Porch Forum to ask Cabot residents for their opinion for comments to call the town clerk's office. Another possibility was to put it to the voters on Town Meeting Day and add it to the warning. It was suggested that we talk with people and find out what everyone would like to do. It was brought up to check with Secretary of State that if we changed the meeting day, would the items on the Australian ballot need to be voted on the actual State date for Town Meeting. Betty will be checking on this.

We will be calling a Special Selectboard Meeting on Monday, January 23 at 5 p.m. to approve the budget and warning.

- b. VLCT Special Meeting – It is required that we have someone go to the VLCT meeting February 15 to vote on some legislative matters. It was suggested that Ted will represent the Town of Cabot. A motion was made by Bernie and seconded by Fred, motion passed.
6. Public Safety and Security Work Groups – Mike is trying to get a meeting next week. Ted doesn't have

anything at this point to have a meeting. He will start the neighborhood watch.

7. 2017 Budgets Development and Warning – Reviewed the warning and made a few changes. This will be finalized at our Special Selectboard Meeting on Monday, January 23. We also discussed changing the Town from a calendar year to a fiscal year (July 1-June 30) and having taxes paid more than once a year.
8. 2017 Mileage Certificate – Karen has the certificate from the State of Vermont ready to be signed. She reviewed it. A motion was made to approve 2017 Mileage Certificate by Fred, seconded by Mike, motion passed.
9. Personnel Policy-updates – We will discuss this further at our next meetings, and Betty asked that all comments, suggestions or changes be sent to her.
10. Water/Wastewater System – Karen would like to combine the water/wastewater checking accounts. Betty received a notice from the VLCT attorney stating that this can be done. It would make bookkeeping easier and only one check has to be written. A motion was made by Fred and seconded by Mike to combine the water and wastewater accounts. Motion passed.
11. Town Clerk's Report
 - a. Signing of orders – Orders were passed around to be signed.
 - b. Dog Issue – This is an on-going problem with a landlord, and action will be taken to try to correct this problem.
 - c. We have two resignations from the Listers: Jeffrey Gabrielson and Robyn Hall. We will post this on Front Porch Forum and in the Cabot Chronicle to see if there is any interest before Town Meeting Day (where the election takes place for these positions). Jeff's position is one year, and Robyn's is three years.
 - d. Robyn gave us some information about the Town Appraisal. The SB asked Betty to write a letter to them advising that we are actively pursuing the Town Appraisal.
12. Road Commissioner's Report
 - a. Porter Road update. Karen discussed the culvert plans.
 - b. A landowner has complained about the bank erosion. It will be assessed in the spring time.
13. Other Business
 - a. Masonic Hall – The rental agreement with FIA has expired June 20, 2016. Discussed the new agreement.
 - b. The Board was made aware of landowner's complaint regarding trashing on a neighbor's parcel. Karen will draft a proposal regarding the neighbor's property.
14. A motion was made adjourn the meeting by Bernie, seconded by Ted. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Ritter, Town Clerk/Treasurer