

SELECTBOARD MEETING
Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 6:00 PM

Those attending: Ted Domey (came in at 6:35 p.m. to continue the meeting), Mike Hogan, Bernie Shatney, Fred Ducharme, Karen Deasy, Jeanne Johnson, Amy Hornblas, Cecilia Gulka, Michelle Leclerc and Betty Ritter

1. Call meeting to order at 6:00 pm by Mike and he advised that Ted Domey will be late.
2. Mike asked to approve the agenda. Jack would like add UDAG appointments, and Betty would like to add the Library fence and Listers errors and omission after public comment. Karen wanted to add Executive Session for a legal matter after Other Business. A motion was made to accept the agenda with the additions by Fred and seconded by Jack. Motion passed
3. A motion was made by Fred and seconded by Bernie to approve the minutes from October 4, 2017 Selectboard Meeting. Motion passed. Jack abstained as he was not here.
4. Public Comment - Jack said the article by the listers in the Chronicle was very good and he also wanted to commend the Willey Building committee how well they have done to improve the building. Fred advised they are having a meeting in the morning and will pass this on to the committee.
5. Lister's Errors & Omissions – Jeanne advised that Wells Fargo vendor service no longer has assets at the Cabot School. They did file it in a timely manner and it was missed. Jack made a motion to approve the change of the errors and omissions, Fred seconded. Motion passed.
6. Appointment to Regional Planning – Karen discussed that the Planning Commission requested that it be advertised on Front Porch Forum, Cabot Chronicle, and the Hardwick Gazette so that the general public would have an opportunity to apply. At the November meeting on the 6th the selectboard will make a decision.
7. Appropriations Requests – Betty commented that the auditors and her have a question on how the wording is on the policy for out of town requests. If it is a new request, they need to go to the Board but if they are the same as the previous year they do not. Betty will let everyone know and get a copy to all of the selectboard members of our policy. Cecila discussed the questions for appropriations and that Jeanne McCullum and her has been revised to clear up this issue. Cecila would like to know where the appropriations would go in which budget. The 2018 town meeting will have the appropriations for the 2018/2019 budget.
8. Ambulance Service Update – Jack discussed on what the ambulance service. Jack would like for him and Mike to talk to Sheila and discuss the options. Mike is hoping to have an option ready for March Town Meeting to be voted on. The response time with East Montpelier or Barre Town is about the same.
9. Status of Policy Update – Jack would like to know what policies are still outstanding. Betty is working on the Personnel Policy can be approved once it is finished. The Dog Ordinance will be talked about tonight when Ted gets here. Mass Gathering Ordinance needs to go over. Conflict of Interest Policy Betty is working on and can be approved once it is finished.

10. Review of Dog Ordinance – everyone has a copy of the revisions. Richard Scheiber has suggested changes, also. More revisions were made. Next meeting Monday, November 6 at 5 p.m. to work on policies.
11. Preparation for Informational Hearing on November 1 – Items were discussed. It was decided that as this was an informational hearing, we will not need to have a moderator. The ballot items will be presented by different members of the Selectboard. Betty will notify Ed Smith.
12. Water/Wastewater –
 - a. Karen has copies of the informational flier that Aldrich and Elliott have put together. They will also be putting maps together. No power point just a presentation that will last around 15 minutes. Jack would like an addition to the paperwork.
 - b. Asley Lucht, Water Infrastructure Finance Project Leader, visited Karen last week. She is advising Karen to do a six-month budget and then go to the 12-month budget. It would make more sense with the grant income. Karen handed out six-month and 12-month budgets for water and wastewater. Will be discussed next meeting.
 - c. Other issues, water flushing yesterday. There is a small leak at one of the hydrants. That will be repaired next week. Karen will notify the Fire Department. The Willey Building had the drainage dug around the back of the building. When the digging was done, they found out the wastewater has not been hooked up to the new system. It is now connected. The other town buildings will be tested to see if they are connected.
13. Road Commissioner
 - a. Project Update – The center line is painted and they will be back for the fog lines painted and the gravel on the side.
 - b. We have received an extension from the State for the grant on Porter Road. We have received Green Mountain Power's contribution for the project.
 - c. There will be some culvert and ditching work on Coits Pond Road. They are waiting for Dig Safe to come out to start the project.
 - d. A discussion was made regarding Route 215 and VTrans. Mike will be contact Kitty Toll regarding this issue.
 - e. Other business – There was no other business regarding roads.
14. Town Clerk's Office
 - a. Orders - done
 - b. Review of upcoming meetings
 - c. Two applications for Special Events. One is the Den/Harry's Hardware for December 16 for outside consumption for a Christmas party. Fred motioned and Jack seconded. Motion passed. The second one is for Kempton Randolph for October 28th party. Fred motioned and Jack seconded. Motion passed.
 - d. Betty received a handwritten note to have Richard Hourihan be on the Rec Committee by the Selectboard. Ted motioned that we appoint him to be on the Rec Committee with a second by Jack, motion passed.
 - e. Betty has a letter that was hand delivered to Andrew Adams regarding rescinding the \$500 dog fine. Betty said that she had a discussion with the Mike Tarrant, town attorney, regarding going forward or not with any other dog complaints. A discussion on a dog complaint. Jack would like to be on the agenda for next meeting. Mike would like a legal answer on the authority on issuing a ticket before the next meeting.
 - f. Betty distributed the 2016 audit report.

15. Other Business –

- a. Jack would like to discuss CCIF. He would like to nominate Greg Burtt to be on the board, with a second by Fred. Motion passed. He also would like to nominate Oliver Welters to be on the board with a second by Fred. Motion passed. Jack would like to appoint Richard Aronson, with a second by Mike. Motion passed. Jack will go “Thank” RD Eno for his offer.
- b. The discussion of the Library playground. Fred said the Willey Building Committee does not want to have a playground at the Willey Building. They would like to have a vote by the town whether there should be a playground at the Willey Building. The Selectboard only authorized permission for the grant only. Jack would like to see a sketch and a plan of the playground.
- c. Betty will work on the Budget meeting dates and send out a proposed schedule.

A motion to go into executive session for a legal matter by Jack and seconded by Bernie. Motion passed. A motion was then made by Jack and seconded by Fred to begin the Executive Session at 8:11 p.m. We came out of executive session 8:39 pm.

16. A motion was made by Bernie and seconded by Jack to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Ritter, Town Clerk/Treasurer