

**SELECTBOARD MEETING**  
**Monday, November 6, 2017 at 6:00 PM**

Attendance is Ted Domey, Michael Hogan, Jack Daniels, Fred Ducharme, Bernie Shatney, Karen Deasy, Steve Godin, Neils Larsen, Richard Hourihan, Amy Hornblas, Richard Aronson, Michelle Leclerc and Betty Ritter

1. The meeting was called to order 6:04 pm by Chairman, Ted Domey.
2. Approve Agenda – The following additions under Other Business Budget Surplus in Masonic Hall, under Road Commissioner: add c. Washington Electric Right of Way, Cabot Plains Road. A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Fred to accept the Agenda with the additions. No discussion. Motion carried.
3. Approve Minutes from October 17, 2017 Selectboard Meeting: Amy Hornblas would like the minutes to say that Town has already received an applicant for the Regional Planning, Amy Hornblas. A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Fred, motion passed. Minutes of November 1, 2017 minutes were approved with the change from “we” to Selectboard, with a motion by Bernie and seconded by Jack. Motion carried.
4. Public Comment –
  - a. Richard Aronson would like to know if the Class 4 classifications are being worked on. Karen says they haven’t been continuing the process yet.
  - b. Richard Aronson was also wondering about Leonard Spencer’s building violations. The process seems to be in a standstill and would like to have some mechanism in place in order to make sure violations do not fall off.
  - c. Richard Hourihan discussed the issue of not getting a response back from the Rec Committee Chair. Ted informed him that there have been three or more emails that have been sent to him. Richard Hourihan will check his emails.
  - d. Neils Larsen was wondering if the budget money for the Masonic Hall be used for Willey Building. Amy thinks if the money isn’t spent it should go back and lower the loan. Mike said that should be on the next meeting. Neils will be on the agenda next meeting.
  - e. Amy Hornblas is wondering the Masonic Hall kitchen drain isn’t very good and the railing in the back be fixed. Richard Hourihan said the drain is supposed to be like that for commercial buildings.
  - f. Steve Godin discussed that the way the article was written doesn’t explain that the 6-month budget would have a payment in March. It was misleading. Jack explained the process.
5. Town Report quotes for printing – Lynn Jones is not here. Jack made a motion to let the chair and treasurer to make the ok for the printing price, and it was seconded by Mike, motion carried.
6. Appointment to Regional Planning – Amy Hornblas and Chuck Marian. Amy let the Selectboard members know why she wanted to be on the Commission. Jack asked Karen what the Planning and Regional Planning have on communication. Karen said there’s a lot of communication between the Town and CVRPC. Mike thinks that Chuck Marian is the chair on the Planning Regional Commission would be a conflict of interest. Mike would like to appoint Amy Hornblas until March, 2018, Jack 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

7. Lower Cabot Recreation Field – Ted and Karen had a meeting with Dana, Environmental consultant regarding the fill that was placed around the Tim’s building. Dana was going to talk to Shannon and Rick from the State. Karen talked to Dana that the state would like to see the new fill pulled from behind the building and relocated towards the side of the building. The question came up “How far down and how much to removed?” Once they have reached the old fill they have gone down enough. Jack thinks we should do it and get it done and Karen believed that the Town crew would be able to do this rather quickly. We will need to speak to the land owners and make arrangements to get this taken care.
8. CCIF – Jackie Folsom in August was appointed to the school board chair. Jack is making the motion to make Jackie the chair instead of interim make her the chair. Fred 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mike is agreeing with Ted on Jackie being the CCIF chair and the school board that it is a conflict of interest. The members of CCIF (UDAG) Jackie Folsom, Frank Kampf, Oliver Welters, Greg Burt, Chuck Talbert, and Roman Kokodyniak. Fred withdrew his motion and Jack wants to withdraw also. Ted will be going to the CCIF to inform Jackie.
9. Playground Equipment – Should we put on ballot for Town Meeting – The library will be doing the petition.
10. Ambulance Service Update – Jack talked to Sheila Brown. Cabot has 7 students in the EMR and 3 students in the EMT. Both classes take testing in March. Sheila also is figuring out the pay or stipend for coverage. Mike and Jack will reach out to Chris again.
11. Review of Dog Ordinance – The ordinance was reviewed, Ted will update and we will put on the web site for Town review.
12. Water/Wastewater – Approval from engineering service bond on Danville Hill Road. We did have a landowner issue with their wastewater. Washington Electric will be paying for the repairs. The water line on Bond Hill will be replaced by the fire hydrant on Thursday.
13. Road Commissioner
  - a. Project Update – Storm damage. The road crew took three days to take down trees and clean up the debris. It was estimated that expenses incurred a little over \$5000 in time, damage and materials. The wastewater workers had repairs done to an estimate of \$5,000. Karen gave Regional Planning an estimate of \$10,000 for the damage.
  - b. A landowner had a driveway culvert washing out because it is cracked. They have been notified of the purchase of the new culvert.
  - c. Other business – Jack wanted to know what was happening with the situation at Savoca’s. Karen is asking for Better Roads funding to do a more permanent fix around her house. This would not be available until winter. If paved up around the corner, or there might be other ideas also. Jack and other think the pitch should be changed slightly.
  - d. Winter clearing of the sidewalks. Tommy isn’t going to do it this year. Karen said the road crew can do the sidewalks but not first in the morning. Karen will check with the school to see if there is anyone to do the sidewalks in the morning.
  - e. John Cookson has a concern about storing tires at the recycle center. John has someone to drop off 100 tires this Saturday so they wouldn’t have to be outside. Karen reminded him that he needs to keep that area clear. John will be on the agenda on next meeting. Fred would rather have them bring them instead of throw them. Ted thinks if he was receiving them on Saturday they should be out of there on Saturday. Karen will contact Ben Davis

- regarding the tires.
- f. WEC permit to move the pole from the field and put it next to the road. Aldo doesn't have a problem with it. Jack made the motion to approve it with a second by Fred, motion passed 3 to 2, with Fred and Ted abstaining.
14. Town Clerk's Office
- a. Orders – have been signed.
  - b. We have reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule and will make corrections as noted. Betty will update the schedule and email it to the Selectboard.
  - c. Other business – Betty contacted VLCT regarding property taxes and penalties and interest when there are two payments. Betty will email this report to the Selectboard.
15. Other Business:
- a. Jack wanted to bring everyone up to date about the Cabot Academy. They are changing the name to ADVANTAGE CABOT: Educational Enrichment and Boarding Program. They are looking to go to CCIF funding to start this school. If families will board children they will get a stipend of \$10,000.
  - b. Jack has been working on Cabot revitalization committee. They met last Monday and had a special meeting by the CCA is going to make an offer tomorrow to purchase the brown building owned by Leonard Spencer's building. The concept is to tear that place down and use that place for economic development.
16. Executive Session – Ted asked if there was a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a couple of personnel issues. Fred motioned that we go into Executive Session and seconded by Bernie. We went into Executive Session at 8:21 pm. We came out of Executive Session at 8:47 pm.
17. Jack moved that reference to the health insurance provision in the Personnel Policy that the all provisions of the policy must be strictly adhered to with a second by Mike. Motion passed.
18. A motion was made to adjourn by Bernie, and seconded by Mike. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Ritter, Town Clerk/Treasurer