

**SELECTBOARD MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2018 at 6:00 PM**

Those attending: Mike Hogan, Ted Domey, Fred Ducharme, Bernie Shatney, Jack Daniels, Karen Deasy, Lynn Lehoe, Kevin Lehoe, Steve Godin, William Ameden, Linda Savoca, Andrew Gilbert, Jessica Miller, Michelle Leclerc, Betty Ritter

1. The meeting was called to order by Mike Hogan at 6:00 p.m.
2. Approve Agenda – A motion was made by Fred with a second by Ted. Mike asked if there was anything to add. Jack would like to discuss person of the year under other business, Mike would like to add Sheriff's contract, Andrew Gilbert regarding Central VT Internet, and a complaint that Karen received. Motion passed with the additions.
3. Approve Minutes
  - a. Minutes of March 19, 2018 – There was a correction of the spelling of Jim Lubas last name on the minutes. A motion was made by Fred to accept the minutes with the correction, second by Bernie, motion passed with Jack abstain as he was not at this meeting.
  - b. Minutes of March 20, 2018, Special Meeting A motion was made by Fred with a second by Bernie, motion passed with Jack abstaining as he was not at this meeting.
4. Public Comments – none.
5. Rec Committee – Mike asked that we move this up as they had another meeting to attend that night.
  - a. Regular Rec Committee Meeting–Mike went to the rec committee meeting. Lynn Lehoe discussed the rec committee and they will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month. Chuck Talbert is the Chair; Cameron North is the Vice Chair, Lynn Lehoe will remain coordinator of the sports. All of the information in on the Town Website, including the unapproved minutes. At the present trails will be a subcommittee. Mike asked about rotating terms. Lynn stated that the terms for the first year will be one-year and will wait until the next Town Meeting to do terms. Meetings will be posted on Front Porch Forum, Cabot Connects, and three places in town: The Town bulletin board, Post Office board, and the General Store.
  - b. Trails Committee – Andrew Gilbert is having a meeting tonight to focus on trails activity. Mike is asking if the trail committee is going to be a subcommittee or a stand-alone committee. For right now, it will be coming under the Rec Committee as a sub-committee, but he feels that the Conservation Committee and Rec Committee would need to have input. The trails would be non-motorized trails: hiking, biking, running, and walking. Jack would like the trail working group to report directly to the Selectboard. Then when town meeting comes have a vote to have a Trail Committee. From now until Town Meeting 2019 the Trail Committee will report to Rec Comm. Karen told them that Regional Planning will help with the trails. Steve asked about the trails in the Town Forest. Andrew did not know if they were kept up, but will check to see if they are, and if they are not what needs to be done.
6. Central VT Internet – Andrew Gilbert went over this and wanted to know if Cabot wanted to join. We will discuss this at the next SB meeting. There will need to be a select board member on the board. Mike will let the board consider this program.
7. Review of Dog and Public Gathering Ordinances – Mike discussed the two ordinances and that they both have gone to our legal counsels for input. We will update these with the changes from our legal counsels and will hopefully adopt them at the next meeting or shortly thereafter. After 60 days they become a valid ordinance. We will have the legal counsel do a cursory review after the select board

has approved it. Ted reviewed the dog ordinance. Jack also made some comments that he would like to ask our Legal Counsel to make a final draft, post it and have a public hearing, with the goal of having the ordinances approved at our May 15<sup>th</sup> SB meeting. Will Ameden thought the town clerk should have a form available to register dog complaints and a record-book. Betty does have a form recording the complaints, but will develop a form on the web site for people to file complaints.

Mike would like to do the same with the Public Gathering Ordinances: to have the town counsel review after we input the changes recommended by him. We also need to develop an application form on the website for the Public Gathering permit. Jack made some comments to change a few things. After they are finalized we will have a public hearing to go over each new Ordinance. Steve Godin asked whether this has anything to do with the August activity. Does this supersede any other previous permits? Karen stated that you can't take away a landowner's conditional use permit. Once the permit has been approved the only way you can take away the permit is to go towards the Environmental Court to have it changed due to violations. Karen will check with the attorney regarding a Conditional Use Permit to see if the Ordinance under consideration supersedes the Conditional Use Permit.

8. Dog Hearing Recommendations – Mike discussed the Dog Hearing on March 22 with Jessica Miller and the Coates. Mike wrote up a draft decision and discussed it. Jessica Miller read her letter that she wrote to the select board. Jack complimented the three members. Mike will make a few changes and the three members on the board will sign the decision. The three agreed by a motion that was made by Fred and seconded by Bernie.
9. Approve Working Group Members for Future Fire Department /Ambulance Facility – Mike talked with Brad Alexander to be on the working group. Rich Aronson would like to help but not be in the group. Jack will look into the Ambulance to join working group. Mike will be the chair of the working group and Jack and Fred will be alternates. Betty will check with Jeff Durgin to see if he will represent the Ambulance portion. The first meeting will be April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.
10. Water and Wastewater – Darci Lou Herdling has asked for an additional wastewater system connection permit because they are adding an addition to the house. Karen has done the calculations and the increase would be to 1.67 allocations. A motion was made by Fred and seconded by Ted to let the allocations be increased. Motion passed. Karen has started to see that the applications to switch from residential to commercial and may increase allocations. Does the board like to see the application? Jack thinks that the board should and the Board concurred. A letter from the State of the Vermont to monitor sludge was distributed. We do have money in the budget for the testing and will be done yearly. Karen distributed the water Consumer Confidence Report 2017.
11. Road Commissioner
  - a. Project Schedule – The Creamery is doing work at the project plant, a handicap wash room and a new entry to the bay. They would like to start it this summer and give Karen the dates. They will have to flag traffic around it. A motion was made by Jack and seconded by Ted, motion carried.
  - b. Other business – Municipal equipment show. Bernie would like to go. Ted will be attending thru the State and this will be on May 9<sup>th</sup>. The bucket loader was delivered. Rusty has been driving it and Sid is now running the grader. Steve doesn't totally agree with cutting back the side of the road, as there is so much gravel on the lawn. He also said that the Town of Cabot does very well with the roads. Karen has a letter for Road Reclassifications to the property owners. Will need three select board meetings on the official walking the roads. Fred, Jack, and Mike are available for May 8<sup>th</sup>. All of the select board members should check the roads. On May 15<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm, Bernie, Jack and Fred will attend that walking the roads.

12. Local Operation Plan – Karen handed out Local Emergency Operations Plan. She will need a motion to approve the operations plan, and Fred made a motion to approve with a second by Ted, motion carried. There also needs a motion to delegate authority, which Jack motioned with a second by Ted, motion passed.

Mike and Karen went down to 153 Sawmill Road and reviewed the house. Karen wrote a report on her findings. Karen will pass this list on to the Willey Building committee for future refurbishing the building and the cost. Bernie suggested schools with the programs on construction. Karen says there is some University's that might be interested.

### 13. Town Clerk

- a. Orders – done
- b. Other Business – Betty reported that schools revote on their budget is scheduled for Thursday, April 12. She will be contacting the SB and Justices of Peace for a three-hour time slot tomorrow. Jack would like to make a comment that it is strange that the vote is having the vote on a Thursday. Betty requested to have it changed to a Tuesday and a little later in the month to be able to get the absentee ballots out. It's the school boards choice. Betty signed the warning under objection because she feels that elections should normally be held on a Tuesday and with more than a two week notice. Jack proposed the following resolution: "It is the sense of the Selectboard that elections in Cabot should be held on a Tuesday unless there is an extenuating and compelling reason to hold an election on a different day." This was seconded by Fred. Resolution passed.
- c. Betty would like to "Thank" Shirley for helping her with collecting taxes and dogs fee last week. Last Tuesday Betty had a car towed from the Willey building parking lot. The individual has paid the fine and received their car back.

### 14. Other Business

- a. Central VT Internet – Andrew Gilbert gave an overview. Selectboard will review it and make a decision whether to participate,
- b. Sheriff's contract – Mike talked to the Sheriff's last week about adding patrols to the contract. The Selectboard will give the Sheriff's a list of roads the Town of Cabot would like to patrol. They are short staffed. The amount is the same last year. Jack moved to approved the contract with Washington Country Sheriff's for April 1, 2018 – March 31, 2019 not to exceed \$8,000. Ted 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.
- c. Karen -complaint of a land owner. The Town of Cabot received a complaint from a landowner of trash, debris and vehicles on the Miner's property in South Cabot. The Miner's have started cleaning it up at the end of last year. It has now has gotten worst. Karen has now sent a letter to State of Vermont to inspect that property again. Mike has volunteered to go talk to the Miner's. Karen says they have been warned about the clean-up. The select board wants to let the State deal with it.
- d. Karen is wondering if the select board would like to have a bulk removal on Green-up day? What would the cost be? Karen is not sure. It will have to be coordinated with a trash removal. Steve Godin says it could be hundreds of dollars to thousands. Jack would like Karen to bring numbers to the next select board meeting. Jack would like to have someone from the state to talk to the select board members regarding junk yards. Karen will check on that.
- e. Person of the year – On May 20 or 25 of the year the school will ask for nominations for the person of the year award. Jack made some recommendations and asked the Board to offer any other names it might recommend. The Selectboard will discuss at next meeting.

15. Linda Savoca – Danville Hill – Mike discussed Linda Savoca’s previous meetings with the select board. The select board would like to discuss the easement with Linda. Jack would like to move into executive session to discuss the easement. Bernie seconded at 7:59 p.m. We came out of executive session at 8:26 p.m. Jack will make the motion and have Michelle read the motion.

Jack moved to approve the expenditure of \$6,000 as compensation for the Water Line Easement. In exchange the Savoca’s will execute the Settlement Agreement and General Release and the Water Line Easement Agreement. This agreement is contingent upon of the Savoca’s approval and executing the documents. Bernie seconded. Motion passed.

Steve Godin was wondering what the electrical issue has been done at Masonic Hall. He has also made comments on issue with the building. This is being checked into. Also the rails on the loading dock need repair and there are pallets that need to be removed. Bernie noted the man’s truck is broken down that usually takes care of this.

Jack mentioned that all poles at the Recycling Center have been broken off and there is no way of closing the recycle center off. Karen said the highway crew will do new poles when the ground thaws.

16. Adjourn – A motion was made by Fred and seconded by Bernie. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Ritter, Town Clerk/Treasurer