

**SELECTBOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2018 at 6:00 PM**

Those attending were: Mike Hogan, Bernie Shatney, Fred Ducharme, Jack Daniels, Ted Domey, Jeff Durgin, Rita Durgin, Karen Deasy, Michelle Leclerc, Dave Creighton, Mark McKinney, Francis Atkins, Joseph Krupa from Aldrich & Elliott, Marc Roy., Vince Chiorgno from VT Salvage, Bobby Searles, Norma Bermingham, Larry Gochey, Rory Thibault, Catherine Besch, Gary Gulka, Donald and Mary Lou Delacy, Sandy Pond, Jackie and Mark Bromley, Marcus Becher, Angela Olge and Betty Ritter

1. The meeting was called meeting to order 6:00 pm by Michael Hogan, Chair.
2. Approve Agenda - A motion was made by Jack and seconded by Bernie. The Chair then asked if there were any additions. Fred would like to go in executive session on a personnel policy issue, and Jack on a purchase of land. Mike would like to add Tax Mapping funding to other business.
3. Public Comment – Rory Thibault talked about the school budget and the next re-vote. He would like the wastewater billing reviewed. He would like to see more communication and better communication between town and school. Catherine Besch inquired if other departments were cut during the budget process. All budgets were cut. The library budget was cut \$2,500. For the previous past two years it was level funded. The health insurance was increased and the librarian asked her salary to stay the same so she could get another week’s vacation.
4. Approve Minutes – A motion was made by Jack and seconded by Fred to approve the minutes of April 17, 2018, motion passed.
5. Move to 6. Danville Hill Water Project – Mike discussed all the work that has gone into this project and then handed it over to Joe Krupa from Aldrich and Elliott who discussed the water line project and the necessity of closing the road instead of keeping one lane open. He stated that there is an average of 800 cars traveling on the road each day. If we kept one lane open to allow thru traffic, it would take considerable longer with a considerable additional cost to the people on the waterline. Gary Gulka asked about the road closures every day for 20 work days. There will be intermittent road closures after that. Mary Lou Delacy asked about research on the impact of closing the hill. Bobby Searles talked about the zero communication to the businesses on the road and the property owners. There wasn’t any warning. Bobby was wondering how much impact it would have on the construction schedule to let traffic thru. Mike discussed the various venues where information was posted and that we could have done a better job of communicating to business owners. Sandy Pond asked about the cost of a flagger related to the loss of the business and the people on the road. Rita Durgin discussed the road closed being acceptable. Jack discussed his thoughts on the road closure and that we need to be more specific on the dates of the road closure. Joe said that there will be weekly to daily updates to Karen from the contractor. Mark Bromley has issues regarding emergency traveling because Jackie is a nurse and might need to get to her patients quickly. Jackie was wondering about the closure signs. There will be signs at all road intersections. Mary Lou is wondering how everyone will get the notice of the road closure. Karen will post on front porch forum, post at the store, post office, the Willey Building, the Town of Cabot website and Facebook. She will also email people from an email list that was gathered at this meeting especially those that will be affected by this closure. Betty suggested that we have a flyer over at the Hardware Store and Grocery Club along with the signs, emails and postings. Gary wanted to make sure that those that were not at this meeting would also be notified, and he has a list of these people. Gary would like to know when the road updates will be available. Karen said on Monday’s. Jack is wondering if it’s possible to put a notice on Friday afternoon. Jackie was wondering what the time was closed. It will start at 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mr. Delacy was wondering why the flaggers are not being used. Joe said that the flaggers are not being used because the road will be closed. Marcus Becher asked if he has to go around getting his kids to schools and from school. Sandy Pond asked if there is thru traffic for the school bus and emergency vehicles. Angela Olge questioned if the work crew takes a lunch break would the traffic be able to could come thru. Joe Krupa advised that the downtime for lunch is usually very short, if at all. Mary Lou asked if the emergency crew goes thru will the traffic have to stop. Dave Creighton asked is it the plan not to divert the emergency vehicles. Ted gave alternate list of roads to get to Cabot: Cabot Plains Road, West Shore Road and Bricketts Road. Mark McKinney commented on how long it will take for him to get to the village and was wondering about the electric signage. Marcus Becher’s brother lives on Headwaters Lane and asked which way he should go. It’s better if he goes up hill. Gary discussed the communication and the impact on the road closure. Mr. Delacy commented on the communication which was not very well done. It was assured to all in attendance that the Town will do better on communication for any future jobs.
6. Move to 5. Review of State Junkyard Ordinances-Vincent Chiorgno – Marc Roy discussed the State Junkyard Ordinance. Only three vehicles unregistered and uninspected are allowed on a property. Mike asked what towns have ordinances that we could look at. Moretown and Vincent will let us know of others. Also, towns don’t usually bring them to court because of the high cost.

7. Review of Working Committee for Fire/Ambulance – Mike gave an update on the first meeting of the working group. The Selectboard will have an advisory article to vote on hopefully this summer to move forward with the project and to pursue fund raising. We paid \$95,000 for the property. The Fire Department will contribute \$15,000 from a reserve fund and the town will consider acquiring the remainder from a loan for \$80,000 to be paid over the next three years. It might be even less if there is any surplus money available at the end of the year. Jack thinks we should pursue a loan for \$100,000: \$80,000 for the purchase and \$20,000 for demolition of the property. Spread the loan over four years, beginning with payments in July 2019. Betty will be getting bids from banks for this loan. The Board will formalize this action at a future meeting.
8. Adopt Selectboard Goals 2018 – The goals were discussed. Jack made a motion to adopt these goals removing the Vendor Policy and adding: Improve Communications to Community, with a second by Fred. Motion passed.
9. Recycle Center:
 - a. Mike discussed a recent attempted break in. There isn't a gate and it would be advisable to have security cameras for the recycle center and the wastewater plant. Karen said VLCT will pay up to 50% of the price up to a certain amount. Karen will get quotes for the next Selectboard meeting.
 - b. Betty talked to John Cookson about the gates for the recycle center. He will get the gates and will provide the posts and dig the holes and install the gates. John will use his excavator to install these for \$500. Jack made a motion to install a new gate at the recycle entrance (consisting of two new gates and repair two existing gates at the recycling center and wastewater plant not to exceed \$1,000.00 with the work being done by John Cookson. Second by Ted. Motion passed.
 - c. Mike discussed the composting issue with the rest of the Selectboard. Tabled for now.
 - d. Betty discussed the access to the restroom at the wastewater treatment plant for recycle center employees. If you have a port-a-potty, it will be over \$1,800.00 for a year as they not only have to have a bathroom, but a hand-washing station. Betty has talked to VLCT who stated that the Town is required to have access to a bathroom and a washroom. Betty has talked to Jim B. from Utility Partners, to see if they can use the wastewater plant restroom. He stated that they would be able to use the restroom as long as we put up a wall and a locked door between the plant and the bathroom. He did stipulate that this is to be used only for the Recycle Staff and no other public access. Fred made the motion to approve a wall and door be installed with a cost not to exceed \$1,000, Second by Ted. Motion passed.
10. Water and Wastewater – Karen talked about the wastewater process. With all the recent rain and snow melt the Wastewater Plant reached the maximum capacity yesterday and today. (39,000 gallons is the limit for wastewater) and we met that in the last two days. If this becomes a more regular occurrence we will need to install an additional train. The Town will keep monitoring this situation.
11. Road Commissioner
 - a. Project Schedule – The Selectboard along with the Road Commissioner will do site inspections on May 8 at 5:00 p.m. with Mike, Jack, and Fred for the following highways: Town Highway 13 (Dawn Andrews, 34 & 37 Langone Road) Town Highway 15 (Randall and Diane, Michael Barnes, Jr., and Scott and Tammy Cookson); and Town Highway 44 (Ted and Norma Bermingham, 118 Bermingham Road). Then on Tuesday, May 15 there will be site inspections for Town Highway 55 (Hunter Thompson, 1348 RT 215 South); and Town Highway 57 (Leonard Spencer and Ruth Neuwirth) with Jack, Bernie, Mike and Karen doing this site visit. A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 22 at 6:00 p.m.
 - b. Other business –
 1. The state is looking for functional roads classifications. Karen explained this to the Selectboard. VT 215 the entire length be upgraded to minor arterial from a minor collector with over 1700 major trips a day by vehicles. South Walden put on the map as a major collector and Danville Hill Road as a minor collector.
 2. Karen received a call from a driver on Route 2 who had to slam on her brakes because a town road crew pulled out in front of her and now her ABS light comes on. Karen will talk to the road crew.
 3. Aldo was plowing on Coits Pond Road and didn't see a rock wall and bent the frame on the plow. The rock wall is in the town right-a-way. Fred would like to tell the landowner to move the rock wall.
 4. Ryan McCall an enforcement officer for the state called about fill that needs to be moved now at Tim Gochey's. Ted will speak to Tim Gochey regarding the fill.
5. Town Clerk
 - a. Orders - Done
 - b. Other Business – Connie Gould called Betty today regarding rats in the area of her home. Betty will contact Val regarding the garbage across the street. Karen has also called Val regarding

another house issue.

- c. Bids for the loader \$141,755 for 7 years - Union Bank 2.39%, Passumpsic Bank 3.36% , People's Bank 3.15%. Jack moved that we accept the bid of Union Bank 2.39% with a second by Fred, motion passed.
- d. Beth Herrick dog complaint. Beth emailed Betty stating that her dogs are now hooked at all times. Betty will forward the email to Jan Ghiringhelli. She can submit another complaint if it happens again or is still having problems.
- e. Betty handed out the Dog Ordinance and Dog Complaint Form. Mike would like to have it reviewed by the Selectboard and make any additional changes. The changes need to be given to Betty by next Monday. The Commercial Public Ordinance is also ready.
- f. Jack wanted to know about the \$6,000 for Linda Savoca. We are waiting for Property Transfer Tax Return. Karen talked to the attorney and they will have that emailed to Betty. The check will be cut this week. The check will be done tomorrow.

6. Other Business:

- a. Mike wanted to talk about the tax mapping funding left over from the previous meeting. Jack makes a motion the Selectboard authorize \$1,700.00 to complete the tax mapping project with a second by Fred, motion passed.
- b. Ted discussed that Walt Bothfeld put a fence up around the Bothfeld Hill Road Cemetery. A tree fell and broke the fence. He is wondering why the trees aren't being cleaned up. Karen will ask Don Mitchell if he would dispose of the tree.
- c. Grant for the Lower Cabot store was sent in this week for the FEMA project.

Fred made a motion to go into executive session with a second by Jack. The Selectboard went into Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. and came out of executive session at 9:08 p.m.

A motion was made by Jack and seconded by Ted that we adjourn. Motion passed. We adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Ritter, Town Clerk/Treasurer