

SELECTBOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2018 at 6:00 PM

Those attending: Selectboard: Michael Hogan, Fred Ducharme, Ted Domey (by phone), Bernie Shatney
Town: Karen Deasy, Michelle Leclerc, Betty Ritter
Community Members: Bill Wheeler, Lynn Jones, Cecila Gulka, David Pike, Jeff Haslett and Val Covell

1. Call meeting to order 6:05 p.m. by Michael Hogan
2. Approve Agenda – A motion was made by Bernie and seconded by Fred. Motion carried.
3. Approve Minutes of:
 - a. October 9, 2018 CCIF Meeting – A motion was made by Fred and seconded by Bernie, motion carried.
 - b. October 23, 2018 Budget Meeting – A motion was made by Bernie and seconded by Fred, motion carried.
 - c. October 23, 2018 Selectboard Meeting – A motion was made by Bernie and seconded by Fred, motion carried.
4. Public Comment – There was no public comment.
5. Auditors Update for Town Report – Cecelia talked about distribution of reports and with the new procedure of sending postcards to each registered voter and having them at various locations in Cabot. Last year we printed between 600 and 650 Town Reports. This was approved at the Town Meeting and Cecelia recited the article. She also said they can't be left at the Post office for pickup. A Post card will be sent to town residents stating where and when they can pick up the reports and a website link for those who wish to view it electronically. We will print 500 reports as some were left over last year. Cecelia is wondering what financial format will be used and what periods of time due to the transition fiscal year on this year's Town Report. The Selectboard will discuss what will be printed. Cecelia's term is up this March and she will not be running again. Lynn Jones is intending on selling her house and she will be finishing her term. They will be mentor people interested. Cecelia had several questions on the special services contribution. A new request and not physically located in Cabot you need to make your request in front of the select board. The town appropriations are due for November 1st. You need to represent your intent by November 1st and the report due by January 28. Mike asked if we have to go out to bid each year. Lynn said we need to get three bids to select to the Selectboard. The printer also will be printing postcards, and we will need to budget for regular stamps on those. We will check on the postcard mailing with the Post Office. They also asking about a Dedication for the report.
6. Cross Road Parking – Karen spoke about a recently new landowner on Cross Road who built a house and is parking his tractor trailer truck in the road. A landowner on the road has complained many times regarding this truck parked on the road. Karen has called him a few times regarding parking his truck on the road. We do have a parking ban from November 15 to April 15th from 11 p.m. to 8 a.m. Karen has sent him a letter by certified mail reminding him of the winter parking ban. It will be towed if parked in the road during this time of year. He did come in to get a permit to have another driveway in. Mike told Karen that she needs to get this taken care of. Mike was wondering if he should be invited to come to a meeting. Karen and Dave said that he is gone working during the week. The Selectboard will deal with the situation if we get more complaints.
7. Water and Wastewater – Karen said we still haven't heard from the insurance company about covering the damages. With \$12,000 roughly for all expenses. If the insurance doesn't resolve it the money will come out of there retainage. We have encountered another problem: the electrical line to the church for the electric on the Common which they thought they fixed it, but Roland Payne Sr. says it's not working. Slim had Scott Ackermann look at it and it was fixed to a certain extent. There are two fixes. They need to either dig a line from the church or install a new service on the Common. This would also come out of the retainage for Alliance. Jeff asked if the system is clean. Karen said the test has come back clean and the pressure is good too. Jeff said its average what it has been. Larry's pressure reducing valve had to be adjusted. The pressure reducing valves are the landowner's responsibility and what signs they should be aware of for replacing or adjustment.
8. Road Commissioner
 - a. Project Schedule – Pike came and started paving and did not finish and will not finish the rest of the paving. They Did start the main street patching. Cabot Plains and Elm Street will not be done until spring.
 - b. Other Business – There was no other business.

9. Town Clerk

- a. Orders – They have been signed.
- b. Front Porch Forum Donation – We use this forum a lot. Betty would like to do another donation of \$125. A motion was by Mike and seconded Bernie. Mike asked if there was any discussion. Bernie stated that because we use it so much we should donate \$200.00. Mike would like to amend the motion to \$200 to Front Porch Forum out of the general fund. Motion passed.
- c. Property not redeemed from 2017 Tax Sale – We have a tax collectors deed redeemed. .20 acres on Old Route 2. Betty contacted the attorneys and he said we can sell it. If there's a profit and the profit will go back to the previous owner. Next Tuesday morning there will be a tax sale on November 20, at 10 am. Fred will come in and Mike will be in by 10:30. Mike would like a copy of the email on the land the town received.
- d. Next Step for Resolving Dog Issue – Mike Malone has not paid his fine and has not licensed his dogs. Fred said we have cut his fine hoping he would pay it and then it would go back to full fine. Fred would like another letter sent to him. Jeff is wondering how you deal with people who doesn't pay his fine. Mike says we will have to discuss it with the town attorney. Mike would like another letter sent. Fred is wondering if he can get a fine for everyday he doesn't pay.
- e. Other Business –
 1. Bricketts Crossing Road Val Covell has concerns about a driveway being approved by a blind knoll. There have been three car accidents there. The knoll is dangerous. She has concerns with the driveway be put in on that knoll. Mike and Bernie drove out there today. There are other ways for them to access. There also is wetland and they can't cross that. The owners want the driveway in before spring and that will not be happening because of the change in weather. Israel and Catherine Helfand own the property. Bernie doesn't think that the driveway shouldn't be there. Currently the permit has already been issued. Karen and Aldo went and looked at it and didn't see an issue. Ted asked how much site distance do they have. Karen didn't measure the site distance. If it is 10 feet off it needs to be taken care. If it is the only place they can access this build site. Val says it will be more costly but it would be safer in another spot. Bernie asked what the footage of the access from the other property. Ted is not sure. Karen said driveways can be done by the setbacks. You can put your driveway right on the property boundaries. Fred thinks the driveways are on the boundaries. Mike asked Ted if he thinks they should have the owners on a meeting to discuss. Ted thinks they should be talked about the safest place to have the driveway. Ted is wondering if we have a leg to stand on telling them to move their driveway. Mike would like to talk to the town attorney to see what we can do.
 2. Betty received a letter from the Hutchins on Blodgett Road. Need some response. Betty would like to have town Attorney look at the letter.
 3. Abatement from three property owners. Betty will be scheduling a hearing.
 4. Betty passed out the Upcoming meeting schedule. If you have any changes, let Betty know.
 5. Betty would like to thank the Justice of the Peace, Shirley, Michelle and herself with the voting. Carla Payne came on as Justice of the Peace in the place of Larry Gochey. Jeff asked if the absentee ballots are counted and the answer was yes every vote is counted whether by absentee or the day of the vote.
 6. Caledonia Spirits are going to have a small booth across the street on December 17 special event permit. The hours are 2-6 pm. Fred made the motion to approve the Special Event permit with a second by Bernie. Motion passed.
 7. Policies Update – Betty handed out policies. Mike will like to finalize these in the next meeting.
 8. Other Business – There was no other business
 9. Executive Session – We needed to go into Executive Session regarding a legal issue. A motion was made by Fred with a second by Bernie, motion carried. We went into Executive Session 7:08 pm and came out of Executive Session at 7:22 p.m.
 10. Adjourn – A motion was made by Fred and seconded by Bernie, Motion carried. We adjourned at 7:23 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Ritter, Town Clerk/Treasurer