

**SELECTBOARD MEETING AGENDA**  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M.**

The meeting was attended by: Selectboard: Mike Hogan, Bernie Shatney, Fred Ducharme, Jack Daniels  
Town Employees: Betty Ritter, Michelle Leclerc, Karen Deasy  
Other: Jeff Haslett, Roland Payne, Jr., Richard Hourihan, Larry Gochey, David Pike, Marcy Martin, Lynn Jones, Aldo Nunn, Ruth Goodrich, Alison Gulka, Cecelia Gulka,

1. Call Meeting to Order – The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Michael Hogan, Chair.
2. Approve Agenda – A motion was made by Jack and seconded by Fred. Mike then asked if there were any additions. Karen would like executive session for a legal manner. Motion passed with the addition.
3. Approval Minutes of:
  - a. December 18 Budget Meeting – a motion was made by Jack and seconded by Fred to accept the minutes as printed. Motion passed.
  - b. December 18 Selectboard Meeting – a motion was made by Fred and seconded by Bernie to accept the minutes as printed. Motion passed.
4. Public Comment – Roland Payne, Jr. on Emerald Ash bore. Discussed the nine steps for the plan. Karen will get him a list of all the roads in Cabot. He has not noticed any at this time. The state is only trying to help the towns slow the spread. Infested trees could be milled but will have to stay in the town. It could also be put in chip boiler. Mike asked if he would be willing to say something at town meeting and have some materials to pass out. Roland will check to see if he can get the day off from work. David Pike asked about the signs of this insect. Roland explained about the early stages. Larry is wondering about how to control the forest trees. Roland is checking out the trees and the state is helping. Nothing can be done to stop them. Betty has the information and will put what the select board would like on the town website. Lynn Jones said an information page could be put in the town report on this issue.
5. Non-Binding Resolution on Pollinators – Alison Gulka, is the co-chair of the greater Cabot working network thru the CCA. They are trying to increase public knowledge. Pollinators like bees and other insects have been on the decline. This resolution is to support pollinator health and what would help pollinator population. There's no budget item involved it is basically to get people aware of the issue. They will have a resolution to present on Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. This will not be voted on by Australian ballot. There will be a discussion on it and vote on the floor at town meeting. Jeff would like to know about bees and pollinating. Alison indicated there will be a meeting at the library on January 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Richard is wondering when they do projects along the road would there be funding for the crew to throw out clover or some kind of seeds. Richard would like those that spray to make sure their license to spray is up to date.
6. 2019 Budget/Annual Report:
  - a. Mike discussed that the select board has been working on the budget. Lynn is looking clarification on the delinquent tax is challenged with taxes are due on a fiscal or calendar year. Also, whether to list the names with amounts outstanding. Cecelia is wondering about delinquent taxes on the March taxes that were collected. Jack looking at the general fund wondering about the reporting. It will be 6-month budget and actual and budgets for the current year and the following fiscal year. The employees will be on a calendar basis. Mike asked what format he will receive for a draft. It will be a PDF. Mike asked the people at the meeting what their thoughts are on Delinquent Taxes names in the town reports. Larry said they didn't have it in years ago, it was then changed back to having the resident's name and

amount delinquent. Mike said Sue Carpenter has done a very good job on getting folks to pay and working out payment plans. David Pike said it is public knowledge. Jeff asked how much the amount affects the town.

- b. Cecelia needs names for the dedications. Mike said the Board has some ideas and will get back to her on this.
7. Water and Waste Water – Karen has nothing. Fred would like to bring up the issue of the trees that were planted in August, 2018 at Jeff H's home. Fred would like to make a motion that if the trees die before August 1, 2018 to August 1, 2020 in connection with the Danville Hill Road project the trees will be replaced. Karen says the contractor is guaranteed the first year and the Town of Cabot will warranty them the second year. A motion was made by Fred to accept this proposal with a second by Bernie, motion passed.
8. Road Commissioner
  - a. Project Schedule – no projects at this time.
  - b. Green Mountain Power Project Update – Jack Mike and Karen went out with Green Mountain Power, Town of Marshfield and Town of Plainfield and many lawyers to the power plant and then to the actual dam and showed the work that they were doing. The first round of discovery on Green Mountain Power has been emailed to the towns. Green Mountain Power has been working on the dam. They will be replacing and fixing items on the dam. They are going thru the Public Service Board and the Towns of Cabot, Marshfield and Plainfield are part of the process. Mike said that ongoing information will go on the town website for others to look at. GMP also stated they are also putting in an emergency generator in case of power failure.
  - c. Other Business - nothing
9. Town Clerk
  - a. Orders - done
  - b. Other Business – no new business to discuss
10. Other Business – There was no new business
11. Adjourn – A motion was made by Bernie and seconded by Fred to go into Executive Session regarding a legal matter. Motion passed. We went in Executive Session at 6:47 pm. We came out of Executive Session at 7:03 p.m. A motion was made by Fred and seconded by Jack to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. We adjourned at 7:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Ritter, Town Clerk/Treasurer