

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2019 at 6:00 PM

Selectboard: Fred Ducharme, Mike Hogan, John Cookson, Ruth Goodrich

Town Employees: Michelle Leclerc, Betty Ritter, Karen Deasy

Community Members: Dave Pike, Steve Godin, Rusty Churchill, Sid Griggs, Glenn Goodrich, Marcy Martin, Stan Barosky, Rich Aronson, Sandy Pond, Bill Wheeler, Rich Hourihan, Aldo Nunn, Teri Nunn, Dean Deasy, Jeff Haslett, Larry Gochey, Bobby Searles, Steve Cox, Patricia Brochu-Cox, Skip Bothfeld

Before the Selectboard Meeting began the two new selectboard members, Ruth Goodrich and John Cookson were sworn in.

1. Call meeting to order – The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm Michael Hogan.
2. Approve Agenda – A motion was made by Fred and seconded by Ruth to accept the Agenda. Motion carried.
3. Elect a Selectboard Chair – A motion was made by Mike to nominate Fred with a second by Ruth. Motion passed.
1. Elect a Selectboard Vice-Chair – A motion was made by Ruth to nominate Mike with a second by John. Motion passed
2. Elect a Selectboard Clerk – A motion was made by Fred to nominate Ruth. Motion passed.
3. Adopt and use Roberts Rule of Order for Small Boards – A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Ruth, motion passed.
4. Approve Minutes from
 - a. February 18, 2019 Selectboard Meeting – A motion was made by Fred and seconded by Mike with John and Ruth Abstaining as they were not in office. Motion passed with SB members that were present at this meeting.
 - b. February 19, 2019 Public Selectboard/Zoning - A motion was made by Fred and seconded by Mike with John and Ruth Abstaining as they were not in office. Motion passed with SB members that were present at this meeting.
 - c. February 26, 2019 Public Hearing for Australian Articles - A motion was made by Fred and seconded by Mike with John and Ruth Abstaining as they were not in office. Motion passed with SB members that were present at this meeting.
 - d. February 28, 2019 Emergency Selectboard Meeting - A motion was made by Fred and seconded by Mike with John and Ruth Abstaining as they were not in office. Motion passed with SB members that were present at this meeting.
5. Public Comment – Teri Nunn asked about the sale of the two properties and where they are. It was the property on US Route 2 of approximately 4 acres and Old Route 2 of .20 acres.
6. Appointments by Selectboard – these were each done by a motion from the Selectboard as follows:
 - a. Water and Waste Water Superintendent – A motion was made by John and seconded by Mike to appoint Ruth Goodrich for this position. After much discussion the motion was carried with Ruth accepting as a non-paid position.
 - b. Pound Keeper – remains the same – Cheryl McQueeney.
 - c. Animal/Dog Control Officer – remains the same: William Ameden.
 - d. Fence Viewers (2 appointees) – A motion was made by Mike to appoint Walter (Rusty) Churchill. Rusty declined. It was explained that a fence viewer may be able to help with boundary disputes. A motion was made by Mike and seconded by John to appoint Glen Goodrich as first fence viewer. Motion carried with Ruth abstaining. A motion was then made by Fred to appoint David Pike as second fence viewer, motion carried.
 - e. Inspection of Coal, Wood, Lumber, and Shingles – A motion was made by Fred and seconded by Ruth to retain Anson Tebbetts. Motion carried.
 - f. Tree Warden – A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Fred to retain Roland Payne, Jr. Motion carried.
 - g. Fire Warden – A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Fred to retain Andy Lucy in the five year position. Motion carried.
 - h. Health Office – Valerie’s position ends in 2021 – no action taken.
 - i. Town Energy Coordinator – Fred motioned that we retain Michael Socks, seconded by Ruth. Motion carried.
 - j. Town Service Officer – action will be taken on this at our next meeting.
 - k. Zoning Administrator – John moved that we keep Karen as Zoning Administrator with a second by Fred. Motion carried.

- l. Planning Commission – remains the same with Chuck stating he will remain as chair.
- m. Development Review Board – All agreed to stay on.
- n. Master of Colors – Steve has stepped down. Bill Wheeler with second person Bill Walters have agreed to do this. A motion was made by Fred and seconded by John to accept this appointment. Motion carried.
- o. Conservation Committee – there were no changes. The only thing the SB would like to see is to have the terms staggered. Betty will contact Gary regarding this.
- p. Road Commissioner – A motion was made by Ruth and seconded by Fred for John Cookson to be the Road Commissioner. Discussion followed. Motion carried.
- q. First and second Constable – remain the same
- r. Emergency Management Consultant – A motion was made by John and seconded by Fred to appoint Jeff Haslett to this position. Motion carried.
- s. Town Attorney – A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Fred for Tarrant, Gilles & Richardson for Town Attorney. Motion carried.
- t. Regional Planning Representative – remains the same – Amy Hornblas
- u. Newspapers of Record – remains the same – Hardwick Gazette and Cabot Chronicle.
- v. NEKWM – Remains the same – Ben Davis
- w. NEKWM Alternate – Remains the same – R. D. Eno
- x. CCIF Chair – Remains the same - Frank Kempf
- y. CCIF Village – this is no longer required as the Village was dissolved.
- z. Willey Building Committee - Bill Wheeler now serves and has agreed to serve again. A motion was made by Mike and seconded by John to appoint Bill Wheeler. Motion carried.
- aa. Trails Committee – This is a new committee that was under the Recreation Committee became its own committee reporting directly to the Selectboard. Ruth motioned that Mike be the SB Representative. Mike declined. He felt that the Chairman of the committee, Andrew Gilbert, would report back to the SB. A motion was made by Fred and seconded by John to keep Andrew Gilbert as the appointee. Motion carried.

Water & Waste Water Superintendent	Ruth Goodrich
Pound Keeper	Cheryl McQueeney
Animal/Dog Control Officer	William Ameden
Fence Viewers (2 –appointees)	Glen Goodrich
	David Pike
Inspector of Coal, Wood, Lumber and Shingles	Anson Tebbetts
Tree Warden (1 –appointee)	Roland Payne, Jr.
Fire Warden (5 – year appointment)	Andrew Luce
Health Officer	Valarie Covell (existing appointment ends September of 2021)
Town Energy Coordinator	Michael Socks
Town Service Officer	
Zoning Administrator	Karen Deasy
Planning Commission (all three year terms)	Charles Marian, Chair (2022)
	Kate Chatot (2021)
	John Raynor (2020)
	Dawn Andrews (2020)
	Richard Aronson (2021)
Development Review Board (7 – appointees)	Richard McLain, Chair (3 year, 2021)
	Amy Hornblas (2 year, 2020)
	Oliver Welters (3 year, 2021)
	Larry Gochey (1 year, 2020)
	Michael Socks (2 year, 2020)
	Brad Alexander (1 year, 2020)
	Suzie Socks (alt) (1 year, 2020)
Conservation Committee (5 – appointees)	Gary Gulka
	Cedric Alexander
	Chris Duff
	Ken Denton
	Charles Marian
Master of Colors	Bill Wheeler/Bill Walters
Road Commissioner	John Cookson
First Constable	William Ameden

Second Constable	Stephen Hogan
Emergency Management Coordinator	Jeffrey Haslett
Town Attorney	Tarrant, Gilles & Richardson
Regional Planning Committee Rep.	Amy Hornblas
Newspaper(s) of Record	Hardwick Gazette and Cabot Chronicle
NEKWMD Representative	Ben Davis
NEKWMD Representative Alt.	R.D. Eno
CCIF (UDAG) Committee (Chair)	Frank Kempf
CCIF UDAG (formally Village apt.)	Not applicable
Willey Building Committee (Appt. by SB)	Bill Wheeler
Trails Committee	Andrew Gilbert

7. House Bill H156-Potential Tax Incentives for Fire Fighters – This hasn't even been passed yet. Skip is not in favor of this bill. All fireman, police and EMS get the same benefit. He's not sure when this will go to the legislature. The bill has a long way to go.
8. Water/Wastewater
 - a. Project Closeout – Karen is doing the update for the water project. She has been waiting for the contractor to sign-off on his final requisition so he can get paid. The state wants to close out the loan by April 1st. She is talking with state for an extension and if they give them an invoice for what Karen knows is the balance. Fred wanted to know how much \$18,000. Mike would like Mike Tarrant to call him. Ruth would like to work with Karen on this transition.
 - b. Other business – there was no other business.
9. Road Commissioner
 - a. Paving – Pike indicated they will finish the job with the same amount of money. Aldo will fill the hole by the church tomorrow.
 - b. Other business – Karen is looking for bids for a new tractor. Michelle said it's not in the budget. Karen thought they could purchase it this summer and start paying for it next budget. Ruth discussed the mowing and what it should be liked. Steve Cox talked about hiring out until we figured out about buying a tractor. Fred asked Ruth to help find someone. Ruth would like to put a bid in the paper for this contract. She could give advice on them. Discussion on the highway budget and where the amount was deducted from the budget. Steve Cox asked why the whole selectboard didn't know about the change of having the new equipment taken out. It was reviewed by all the select board and approved by the select board. Steve Godin wondering about seeing the capital budget he thought they would be buying a new tractor. Mike stated that the capital budget is only as a projection. Steve also thinks that it should be looked at on the roadside mower. Larry discussed the mowing this past summer. Rusty is concerned about how many pieces of equipment have a payment on them. Ruth would like to see it out to bid for a while. David Pike would like to know about renting them out. Aldo said hiring out would free up the road crew to do their work. This would cost \$8,300. This year we are renting a machine from Fairfields for \$3,200/week. Steve Cox stated that he thought the town crew did a great job on roadside mowing.
10. Town Clerk's Office
 - a. Orders – none
 - b. Other business – Betty received the tickets for the village parking. Betty would like to have a picture taken of the car and the license plate when issuing a ticket. We also need to come up the bid process for selling those properties to put in the paper. Betty reviewed the orders with John and Ruth and coming in and signing orders.
11. Other Business –
 - a. David Pike would like to know about leaving their names out of the delinquent taxes. Fred said we change from a calendar to a fiscal year and that was the reason. Michelle explained the delinquent taxes being reported in the town report. Larry was wondering if they could put it back to where it was. John said he will go look at it now.
 - b. The other complaint was mowing and Cabot Plains Road entrance. Ruth is wondering how it is plowing. Sid said he has taken an excavator on that road but he hasn't had any problem. Sid thinks it will make it safer. Ruth and Glen went and took a look at it. Thinks it's safer to enter Route 215 North. David said they did it to save money. John asked David do you think it should put it back. David thinks it should be a little bit wider. Ruth said pavement marking will help. Karen said that Bernie wanted to pull out that pavement and we would \$3,000 saved on paving. Fred said we will all look at it. John would like to see the safety of it. Larry would like to have it looked at in the spring also. John would try to resolve these issues. Steve Godin would like to have the concern be on the next meeting.
 - c. Skip would like to know what John and Ruth are on the new fire station. John would like to see where the

states and OSHA violations. All the concerns about the buying of the building. People were concerned about a meeting that was held in Sarah's Diner with a few people. Mike did explain this was part of the working committee that would report back to the Selectboard. Several felt that this needs to be made aware of and this was not a warned meeting according to the open meeting law. Ruth thinks this should be in front of the select board. Ruth knows that the Selectboard needs to be consistently updated. Good communication is essential. John is not shutting anything down but would like to have more information. Dean Deasy is working on what the state is requiring. John said Larry made a good comment at town meeting about tearing that down and building in the same spot. Jeff has gone on a tour with Dean on a fire house and was enlightened of the needs. He thinks supporting the fire department is crucial and to identify the need for Cabot community. Ruth discussed about fighting fire and the issue afterwards. Ruth is wondering if there could other possibilities for the old firehouse. John also thought the equipment could be done separately or together. Rusty heard that the creamery is interested in the property. Mike said that the Creamery would swap the firehouse property with some property that abuts the new firehouse site. Steve Godin said that we should take a look at the town of Corinth because they are trying to get a new fire station. How much debt are we willing to take on as a community? He does not like owing a lot of money. John said that meetings need to be more public and not behind their back. Ruth would like to make it more open and more people involved and more information exchanged. The next working committee for the Fire Department will be on March 21, 2019 at 6:30 pm. Larry wants to know about the neighbors of the new fire station. Fred said if they wanted that place, they should have bought it.

12. Adjourn – A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Ruth to adjourn. Motion passed. We adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Ritter, Town Clerk/Treasurer