

**SELECTBOARD MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024, 5:00 P.M.**

1. Call Meeting to Order – the meeting was called to order at 5:01 pm. by Mike Hogan.
2. Approve Agenda - a motion was made by Fred with a second by Karen, motion carried.
3. Approval of Minutes from December 11 (defer to next meeting) 18 Budget Meetings, December 12 Regular SB Meeting 12-18 – 4 second paragraph – suggestion \$40,000 for emergency services should be clearer. Fred made a motion to accept the minutes on December 12 Budget Minutes with a second by Karen, motion carried. A motion was made by Karen with a second by Skip to accept the December 18 minutes with the changes in paragraph 4. Motion carried.
4. Public Comment – Jenn – wanted to discuss Cabot Ambulance – they have a letter from the CPA, and he reviewed the Cabot Ambulance books it and they are current. Re Fast Squad they are toned for both at the same time. Who transports would be up to the criteria that would be developed – which the SB would have to develop the criteria. She submitted a copy of the license, and it will be in the Town Clerk's Office. As far as a variance – She discussed with the head of Vermont EMS Office and he they do not need a variance if ambulance is still serving Cabot and is located in Cabot. Karen stated she will send a copy of the statute. As of right now, the ambulance only covers Cabot. If they do not cover Cabot, they will have to change where the ambulance is located and a change of license at that point.

RD wanted to commend Sid for the information he is putting on FPF for his updates. Everyone wanted to thank Sid.

5. Highway Updates –
  - a. Sid stated that with this warmer weather the roads got muddy quickly and now they are frozen and hard to work with. The crew will be spreading and grading gravel the rest of the week.
  - b. We now have a new road crew member, Tom Dailey, that will start on January 15. He can get his Class A updated rather quickly by DMV from class A.
  - c. We are up to losing 12 signs and he is replacing those that are missing.
  - d. Tires – new grader tires were put on in spring. Sold 4 out of 6 on marketplace.
  - e. Sandy Ladd will be coming to look at Aldo's truck and see what it is worth.
6. Road Name Change – Carpenter Road change to Brook Road and Town Highway 63 changed to Carpenter Road – Discuss and Approve – change names with 911. A motion was made by Fred with a second by RD, Motion carried.
7. Water and Wastewater
  - a. Electrical Panel (Fred will discuss) – wastewater plant – electric panel needs to be changed. Aaron will get some ideas on how to get this changed. On Monday and went up to the manhole – constant stream of water – on South Walden. Something has changed. Water is overwhelming the system – need to have a camera (which will be done on Thursday). Sump Pump could be a problem but do not believe that is the problem. Lower village may be a problem. It hasn't slowed down. Fred – what about the plan and putting a fan – 70 degrees – to let Fresh Air in with shutters for ventilation.  
The conduits going into panels should be plugged off.  
Fred is working with Eric – changing some pipes tomorrow morning. Would like to get stainless steel connection.  
Need to replace electric panels entirely.  
South Walden Road around the phone building is the place where it is picking up water. Could have some breaks in area since the flood.  
Jenn – flooded basement – Jess Derrick – backyard is extremely wetter than prior to the flood.  
Fred believes we are on the right path.

Rodger - Pictures from November – there is one gasket hanging down – by rec field. He has names of people that work in the wastewater line -and forms a new pipe in the old ones and will be getting him to us.

Fred how many hours the pump runs during the day. We are going to run a program to see how they are using – Fred wants to know how they are running at night. Rodger and him will work on this.

Daily email – stays consistent throughout the day and night. We are losing ground.

b. Other business – At this point there was no other business.

8. Town Clerks Office

a. Orders

b. Other business -nothing

9. Other Business – Henry Pearl will be here on January 26 5-7 p.m. talk about what the legislature is going to do including river issue, next steps for the Winooski and education funding.

10. Executive Session – Real Estate Discussion. A motion was made by RD with a second by Karen, motion carried. We went into – 5:31 p.m. and came out of ES at 5:54. There was no discussion or decisions after we came out of ES.

11. Motion to Adjourn RD and second by Fred, motion carried. We adjourned at 5:54.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Ritter, Clerk/Treasurer