

**Select Board Meeting, Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 6:30 pm**  
**Town Office Meeting Room: 37 High Street, Cavendish, Vermont**

**Present:** Bob Glidden (Chairman), George Timko, Mike Ripley, Sandra Russo, Stephen Plunkard, Brendan McNamara (Town Manager), Jen Leak (Recording Secretary), Patrick Cody (OVTV), and citizens as listed on the attached sheet.

**1. Call the meeting to order**

Bob Glidden, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**2. Approval of Minutes from May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

*Mike Ripley moved/George Timko seconded a motion to approve the minutes from May 9, 2022, as written. All voted in favor.*

**3. Adjust agenda**

There were no adjustments.

**4. Hear Citizens**

There were no citizens to be heard.

**5. Select Board to Consider Appointment of Andrea Garcia to the PFD Prudential Committee.**

Brendan said this appointment was requested to replace Evelyn Lockwood on the Proctorsville Fire Department Prudential Committee and would be for the remainder of the term until the next election in April 2023.

*Mike Ripley moved/Bob Glidden seconded a motion to accept the appointment of Andrea Garcia to the PFD Prudential Committee. All voted in favor.*

**6. Review of Tarbell Paving RFP.**

Brendan said that the Town is planning to repave Tarbell Hill Road from the Route 131 intersection up to the intersection with East Road where the pavement terminates. He said that he has been in contact with several companies to solicit bids. Brendan said that the highway crew has replaced four culverts on that section so the soil has time to compact before the paving is done at the end of the summer. He said that the lower section from Route 131 to Chambers Road will be totally replaced as it is in bad shape while the upper section will not need as much work. Brendan said that the Class 2 Paving Grant funds have a 90/10 match and he hoped that it can be done with the available funds since prices are rising quickly. He said that he hoped to present bids to the Board at the July meeting.

**7. Update of work on the former Town Garage Site.**

Brendan said that the piles of dirt have been moved and the site has been levelled. He said that he has met with Regional Planning to discuss the proposed plans and determine what testing needs to be done. He said that the water connection to the Historical Society will be re-laid and a frost-free faucet for this site installed.

Brendan added that the fuel tanks will be moved to the new garage once school is out and the highway crew is cleaning out the pole barn in hopes of moving that also. George asked if the area around the pole barn would be tested. Brendan said that he wasn't sure and added that it is on a slab which might or might not be removed.

Stephen commented that they should check the surveys of that area since some of the site may be owned by Mack Molding and/or the old Cavendish General Store. Stephen also said that once the pole barn and fuel tanks are moved there would be no need for a road through the site so the proposed plans could be revised. Brendan agreed.

#### **8. Review and Consider approval of local Liquor License.**

Brendan said that he had received applications for a 3<sup>rd</sup> class liquor license, 1<sup>st</sup> class liquor license and an outside consumption permit for Neal's Restaurant.

*George Timko moved/Mike Ripley seconded a motion to approve all three applications for Neal's Restaurant. All voted in favor.*

#### **9. Discussion pertaining to July Select Board Meeting.**

Brendan requested to move the regular monthly meeting from July 11<sup>th</sup> to July 18<sup>th</sup> because he will be out of town. The Board agreed.

#### **10. Town Manager Report**

Brendan said that CTES will be holding graduation on Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup> on the Proctorsville Green.

Brendan said that the Water Department's Consumer Confidence report will be mailed out soon. He said that it will be copied at Doolittle's Print Serve since the office copier is not working very well. Brendan added that new copiers are backordered 8-12 months right now so it cannot be replaced.

Brendan thanked the Streetscapes Committee and both fire departments for putting up the flags before Memorial Day. Brendan said that there were no festivities in town since the school is still not doing activities with outside groups. He thanked Margo for putting wreaths on the bridges over the Black River in both villages. Brendan added that he hoped next year the in-person presentation and parade could take place. He thanked Bruce McEnaney, cemetery sextant, and the cemetery employees for mowing the cemeteries, they looked good for the Memorial Day weekend.

Stephen asked what the problem was with the road off Pleasant Street into the cemetery. Brendan said that he is talking with the new owner of the property formerly owned by the Bont's. He said that there is a right of way along the cemetery road to access that property, and the new owner has brought heavy equipment through which has damaged the exit from the cemetery. He said that especially when it rains the gravel has washed out and he has had conversations with the land owner and the contractor about putting it back better than it was when they are finished. Stephen commented that they have done extensive clearing on the property adjacent to the cemetery. Brendan said that he wasn't sure if that project was finished yet but he will make sure the cemetery road is fixed once they are done.

Brendan said that the highway crew is grading and putting chloride on the dirt roads. He said that they will be hydroseeding some ditches, starting on Felchville Gulf and Davis Roads. He added that the Better Roads Project dictates the treatment of ditches depending on the grade of the road and the stone lined ditches are difficult to maintain and clean. He said that he hoped the hydroseeding will be effective and look better than raw ditches. Stephen asked if there were provisions to protect the stone walls during ditching. Brendan said that they do not go near the walls.

#### **11. Other business**

Stephen Plunkard – Stephen said that he wanted to mention his two regular concerns, speeding and junkyards. Brendan said that he should have approval from Vtrans within the month to place the digital speed signs. He said that the Regional Planning Commission hasn't done the speed study yet. Brendan added that there is a new sheriff deputy working for the Windsor County Sheriff Department who has been in town doing speed patrols.

Brendan said that he has had conversations with a few people about junk in their yards who say they are "working on it." He said that he believes some are slowly cleaning things up. He added that for some properties he can't see how they would be cleaned up unless the Board gets very heavy handed. Stephen asked how many junk cars are allowed on a property. Brendan said that he thought it was three unregistered cars per property. He said that some yards don't have "junk" but may have more than the allowed number of unregistered cars. Brendan said that he was not sure how to

enforce the unregistered car limit and added that it would need to be done evenly. Stephen asked if the unregistered car limit was a town or state ordinance. George said it was a town ordinance. Brendan said that he thought there were also state regulations but not many people to investigate violations.

George Timko – George asked if the trackless broom was fixed. Brendan said that it was and some streets had been swept in Cavendish. He said that he thought they were headed to Proctorsville soon.

George asked if the office walkway paving would be tied into the Tarbell Hill paving project. Brendan said that the funds would be separate but maybe the same company could do it the same time. He said that the Energy Committee is considering placing a bike rack at the Town Office, possibly covered, which might sit on a paved pad so that project might also be done when the walkway is done.

George said that he heard that someone was investigating opening a cannabis dispensary in town and he wondered how that would be done. Brendan said that he wasn't sure since it hasn't come up before. He said that the Chester Select Board had voted to allow a dispensary in their town and he thought that the state also decides where the dispensaries are placed.

Sandra Russo – no.

Mike Ripley – no.

Bob Glidden – Bob asked for permission for the Proctorsville Fire Department to hold a coin drop in front of their station during the Town Wide Tag Sale on Saturday, July 30.

*Mike Ripley moved/Stephen Plunkard seconded a motion to allow the Proctorsville Fire Department to hold a coin drop in front of their fire station during the Town Wide Tag Sale on July 30, 2022. All voted in favor.*

## **12. Adjourn**

*Mike Ripley moved/Bob Glidden seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:08 pm. All voted in favor.*

Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_