

**Select Board Meeting, Monday February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in the Cavendish Town Office**  
**Meeting Room at 6:30pm**

**Present:** Bob Glidden (Chairman), Mike Ripley, George Timko, Sandra Russo, Stuart Lindberg, Brendan McNamara (Town Manager), Jen Leak (Recording Secretary), Eric Chatterjee (Okemo Valley TV) 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 p.m.

**2. Act upon minutes of January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Brendan said that he would like to add the minutes of the Budget Work Sessions held on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020, which were emailed to the Board members but mistakenly left off this agenda item.

*Mike Ripley moved/George Timko seconded a motion to approve the minutes of January 13<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020, as written. All voted in favor.*

**3. Adjust Agenda**

Brendan said there were no adjustments.

**4. Hear Citizens**

Mike Harrington was present and said he wanted to update the Board on the proposed Tierney Road quarry. Bob reminded Mike that he should not mention names or attack anyone. Mike Harrington gave the Board an update on the current court proceedings regarding the Snowstone Quarry proposal. He said that he and the other neighbors could ask for another Jurisdictional Opinion from the Act 250 Board regarding lot size and storm water runoff management so that this case might continue for several years.

Mike Harrington said that he will keep Brendan informed and thanked the Board for listening. The Board thanked Mike for coming.

David Gallagher was present and asked Mike Harrington whether property sales at or near current market values might offset the decreased property values caused by the quarry proposal. Mike said that he did not know however the State did lower property values based on the threat of a nearby quarry. Bob said that the Board would move on to the next topic now.

Jack Smart was present and started to address Mike Harrington. The Board stopped the discussion and advised Jack and Mike that they could have a personal discussion outside of this meeting but the Board was moving on to the next item.

**5. Discussion regarding proposed 'Town of Cavendish Select Board Meeting Rules of Conduct'**

Brendan said that Sandra had drawn up some proposed rules of conduct which he handed out to the Board members. Sandra read the proposed rules aloud and the Board discussed them. Sandra agreed that she would make some revisions and present the proposed rules again at the March Board meeting.

**6. Tierney Road/Snowstone Quarry Proposal discussion.**

Bob said that this item had already been discussed under Hear Citizens.

**7. Update on the future plans for the Universalist Stone Church Property as it pertains to the Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn Project and Exhibit.**

Brendan handed out a draft landscaping plan for the Stone Church property which was done by Stephen Plunkard. The plan shows a driveway and two parking spaces. Brendan said that an access permit from VTrans would be needed before a driveway can be built. He said that he will be meeting with the State Fire Marshall to discuss fire safety measures that might be needed. Brendan said that at the last Board meeting Margo mentioned the renovations might cost about \$50,000 but he wasn't sure that would be enough. He said that there are pews which would need to be carefully removed. Brendan added that the pews were individually purchased and are deeded properties, therefore the owners or their descendants need to be notified before the pews are moved or sold.

Brendan added that this project won't go forward without funding from the Solzhenitsyn Center so the Town will not have any shortfall. Sandra asked how the Town is involved. Brendan said that the Town owns the property and he will be the point person for this project. George asked for details on the property lines in regards to the old Chapman Road. Brendan said that Stephen Plunkard has had some discussions with that neighbor and added that this sketch is very preliminary. George asked if the State Historic Preservation office was involved. Brendan said that they were.

Mike Harrington said that he supported this project and hoped they would find volunteers and funding for it.

**8. Select Board to review and consider action regarding the resolution to refinance the current delinquent tax note as it relates to the rectification of this fiscal years deficit.**

Brendan said that this topic was discussed at the last meeting and the Board decided to refinance the delinquent tax note in order to repay the FY19 deficit which was due mainly to the new garage construction. He said that the resolution was not ready to sign tonight because the delinquent tax note comes up for renewal in June, so the resolution will be done at the May Select Board meeting.

**9. Acting in capacity as Board of Sewer Commissioners, to consider request to remove second allocation 265 Depot Street.**

Brendan said that he had received a letter from Cheryl & Charlie James, owners of the VT Apple Pie Company. He said that they have been paying for two allocations, one for the business and one for their residence. Brendan said that Mr. James told him they have closed the restaurant and would like to

terminate the business allocation, leaving their single allocation for their home. Brendan clarified that they are not requesting inactive status, they are terminating that allocation. He said he explained that reallocation fees (\$6-7,000) would need to be paid if they or anyone else wanted to add a second allocation again in the future and Mr. James agreed that was what they wanted.

*Mike Ripley moved/Sandra Russo seconded a motion to accept the request for removal of the second sewer allocation at 265 Depot Street. All voted in favor.*

**10. Select Board to review and consider action on the 2020 Certificate of Highway Mileage.**

Brendan explained that this certificate is done annually and reviewed the mileages for the different classes of town roads. He said there were no changes from last year. Brendan said that he and George discussed adding the lane behind Outer Limits Brewery since the Town is now plowing it, however a hearing needs to be held before it can be added as a class 3 Town road so that can be done for next year.

*Mike Ripley moved/Bob Glidden seconded a motion to approve the 2020 Certificate of Highway Mileage. All voted in favor.*

**11. Town Manager to update board on various ongoing/upcoming town projects.**

Brendan said that Town Meeting will be held on Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the Cavendish Town Elementary School, and voting will take place on Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Proctorsville Fire Station.

Brendan said that the Select Board Organizational meeting will be held on March 9<sup>th</sup> for the Board to approve officials for appointed positions. He added that the animal control officer position is open.

Brendan said that he would like to discuss paving and other upcoming construction proposals at the March meeting. He said that the Caring for Canopies grant which Tim Calabrese applied for will hopefully be approved soon and it would be nice to prune the trees on Proctorsville Green before the summer concerts. Brendan said that construction of the EV charging station grant will also hopefully be done this summer.

Brendan said that the Depot Street bridge needs guardrails installed and some finishing work, and he hoped that it could be open by Memorial Day.

**12. Select Board to consider approval of Second Class liquor license application for Singletons Store**

Brendan reviewed the Second Class liquor license application for Singletons Store with the Select Board.

*Mike Ripley moved/Sandra Russo seconded a motion to approve a Second Class liquor license application for Singleton's Store. All voted in favor.*

**13. Other business**

Brendan McNamara – Brendan reminded those watching that Town Meeting is Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> and voting is on Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, and urged everyone to please come out. Brendan said that he wanted to

thank Stuart for serving this past year on the Board since he is not running for reelection. The other Board members also thanked Stuart.

Stuart Lindberg – none.

George Timko – none.

Sandra Russo –none.

Mike Ripley – Mike said that he brought some Green Mountain Union School District annual reports with him tonight for anyone who would like one and he would leave them in the Town Office. He added that the reports have a proposed budget summary and a more detailed budget can be found online.

Bob Glidden – none.

14. **Executive Session (Personnel Matter)**

*George Timko moved/Mike Ripley seconded a motion to enter executive session to discuss a personnel matter at 7:20 p.m. All voted in favor.* The Select Board and Town Manager recessed to the Town Clerk’s office.

*George Timko moved/Mike Ripley seconded a motion to exit executive session at 7:44 p.m. All voted in favor.*

15. **Adjourn**

*George Timko moved/Mike Ripley seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. All voted in favor.*

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

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