

**Minutes**  
**Select Board Meeting**  
**Town of Coventry**  
**Monday June 6, 2022**

*This meeting was recorded on Zoom and then posted to YouTube. The link to the Town's YouTube channel is at [www.coventryvt.org](http://www.coventryvt.org).*

**Board Members Present**

David Gallup  
Phil Marquette, Vice Chair

**Town Officials Present**

David Barlow, Treasurer & Acting Secretary to the Select Board  
Kerry Keement, Justice of the Peace  
Praneet Menon, School Director and Planning Commission  
Deb Tanguay, Clerk

**Residents Present**

Amber Huntington  
Steven Lumos

**Non-Residents Present**

None

**Contractors Present**

None

**Press Present**

None

**1. Order**

David B called the meeting to order at 6:13 pm. Persons present introduced themselves.

**2. Changes or Additions to the Agenda**

None.

**3. Allow for public comment**

None.

**4. Meeting House work - painting bids; carpentry update**

David B opened a sealed bid for painting. Following a brief discussion, the Board decided to table the Meeting House discussion. David B will scan the painting bid and distribute to the Select Board.

## **5. Future of 150 Main Street**

Neighbors to 150 Main Street, who live next door at 136 Main Street, expressed some of their concerns about the possible tear-down of 150 Main Street. They stated the need for a fence, asbestos mitigation measures, and other safety measures needed to protect their children and themselves.

Phil M stated that the Board had not yet discussed the future of 150 Main Street, so there has not been any decision about tearing down the building. David G stated that the Board would take the appropriate safety measures for whatever it decided to do with the building.

The item was tabled by the Board, for future discussion when Scott B is present.

## **6. Ballot box as the Community Center drop box (Clerk)**

Following a brief discussion, this item was tabled by the Board for the next meeting. There will be a primary election on August 9, so the ballot box will need to be positioned by July 9.

## **7. Audit 2021 (update; Treasurer)**

The auditor will be coming to the Coventry Community Center on Wednesday, June 8 and Thursday, June 9 to finish the 2021 Audit.

## **8. CAI web-hosting of assessor cards (hosting of basic Patriot data)**

David B discussed and demonstrated the capabilities of the web-hosting of assessor cards. A discussion of costs and budget followed. Phil M motioned to accept the proposal as written, seconded by David G; unanimous approval.

## **9. Minutes from May 16 Select Board Meeting**

Phil M noted a correction to item 4 – he had abstained. Phil M motioned to accept the minutes with the correction, seconded by David G; unanimous approval.

## **10. Other Business**

David B brought out an amended 2021 paving contract from Pike Industries that was in need of further editing prior to Select Board signature. David G will ask Norman Patenaude to remove or otherwise clarify that the 450 tons for Pine Hill Rd is not part of the 2021 contract nor the amendment, and make a reference to the original 2021 paving contract that this amendment is modifying.

David B presented a letter for Board signature that asks VTRANS to appoint David B as the Municipal Project Manager (MPM) for the ongoing VTRANS-grant-funded Coventry Village sidewalk study. The

Board had previously decided to do this in their 4/18/2022 meeting. Phil M signed the letter.

The Board briefly discussed the updated Orleans Fire Department contract, noting that it was filled out for Scott B's signature. It will be presented at the next meeting.

Phil M discussed Vermont Emergency Management programs that might be applicable to Coventry. There may be mitigation funding available for places that have a history of flooding. He primarily discussed reinvigorating the "ice jam study." A lengthy discussion followed, including the pros and cons of removing the island in the Black river; and the benefits of utilizing the State flood plain experts.

#### **11. Warrants:**

David B updated the Board on the Sansoucy billing for dredging through their records to answer the Casella assessment data call; two invoices totaling almost \$14,000. David B had a phone call with Brian Monaghan, the Town's Attorney. Brian stated he would call Sansoucy to discuss the billing, and wanted to know what number the Town would be more comfortable with - David B reported (answering for himself) that he had told Brian to drop a zero; that \$1,400 was a more reasonable cost.

Phil M motioned to accept the warrants as written. Seconded by David G; unanimous approval.

#### **12. Executive Session for personnel discussions (1 VSA §313).**

The Board chose to move this session to the end of the meeting, and work the warrants first.

Phil M motioned to move into executive session to discuss personnel matters, to include David B. Seconded by David G; unanimous approval. The Board entered executive session at 7:22 pm. The Board exited executive session at 7:50 pm. No decisions were made.

#### **13. Adjourn**

Motioned by Phil M, seconded by David G, unanimous approval. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

***Approved 20 June 2022***

Scott Briere - Chair  
David Gallup  
Phil Marquette