

**MINUTES
SELECT BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF COVENTRY
Monday September 20th 2021 at 6:00 PM**

Board Members Present:

Scott Briere, Chair; Phil Marquette; David Gallup.

Town Officials Present:

Ned Connell, Town Administrator; David Barlow, Town Treasurer; Deb Tanguay, Town Clerk; Renee Falconer, Animal Control Officer.

Residents Present:

Martha Sylvester; Kelly Collins; Judy Ballinger; Gerry Ballinger.

Guests Present:

Anthony Tanguay – Main Street property owner

This meeting was offered to the public via Zoom video conference.

- 1. Order**
 - Chair Scott Briere called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
- 2. Changes or Additions to the Agenda**
 - Agenda item 7 will be postponed until future meeting.
- 3. Public Comment**
 - Judy Ballinger expressed concern about ATV travel on the Lane Road and urged the Town to find an alternative route.
 - Anthony Tanguay detailed drainage concerns with the discharge point of a stormwater drainage catch basin being in close proximity to his property that may be an obstacle while developing the property. Select Board will look into the problem.
- 4. Proposal for lights at Lady Bird Park**
 - Ned Connell outlined the lighting project as proposed by VTrans. Select Board discussed location and aesthetics of the project. Select Board will work with VTrans as progress continues.
- 5. Rectify Appointment of Steve Taylor to Coventry Fire District Prudential Committee**
 - Phil Marquette made a motion to withdraw the Select Board appointment of Steve Taylor to the Coventry Fire District Prudential Committee made under Other Business during the July 19, 2021 meeting as appointment was made outside of the required open meeting laws and without proper noticing. Scott seconded the motion, all members voted in favor and the appointment was withdrawn.
- 6. New Assistant Animal Control Officer and Contribution towards new kennel costs.**
 - Renee Falconer outlined a kennel she is hoping to build to better facilitate the animals in her care and asked if the Town would be willing to contribute \$75 to help offset the cost of construction.
 - Scott Briere made a motion to approve the donation request for \$75 to help build the kennel. David Gallup seconded the motion. All members voted in favor and the appropriation was approved.

- Renee Falconer requested the appointment of an Assistant Animal Control Officer to assist with the animals. Phil Marquette made a motion to appoint Michelle Falconer as Assistant Animal Control Officer. Scott Briere seconded the motion. All members voted in favor and the appointment was approved.

7. Land Donation

- Postponed

8. ARPA Funds

- ARPA funds disbursement ideas were explored. A plan for spending funds will be discussed in future meetings.

9. Treasurers Report for August 2021

- David Barlow summarized the August 2021 Treasurers report. All accounts balanced as expected. Included reappraisal fees and contributions made in August.
- The Audit and balancing of accounts were discussed and progress is being made to rectify past accounting issues.

10. Newport Fire Contract for FY 2022

- Phil Marquette presented a contract from Newport Fire Department to cover July 1 2021 to June 30 2022.
- Phil Marquette made a motion to allow Scott Briere to sign the contract with the Newport Fire Department from July 1 2021 to June 30 2022 on behalf of the Select Board. Scott Briere seconded the motion. All members voted in favor, Scott Briere approved and signed the contract.

11. Other Business

- **Fall Festival**
 - The Select Board thanked the Fall Festival Planning Committee for their time and effort in putting on the Fall Festival. Scott Briere Thanked Phil Marquette for his Work on the fireworks. Martha Sylvester Thanked Brittney Marquette for her help in organizing the vendors.
 - Scott Briere proposed compensating the committee members for their time. This will be discussed further.
- **VLCT Annual meeting**
 - Phil Marquette made a motion to appoint Ned Connell as Town representative at the annual VLCT meeting. Scott Briere seconded the motion, all members voted in favor and the appointment was accepted.
- **Australian Ballot Article for Town Meeting 2022**
 - Deb Tanguay outlined the balloting process and urged the Select Board to include this as a topic for discussion at Town Meeting 2022 to avoid having to call a special meeting.
- **Village Designation**
 - David Gallup Asked about the Village Designation as it pertains to Act 250. Permit requirements within the Town will be discussed.
- **Community Center Hallway**
 - Information will be gathered before discussion.

12. Warrants

- All warrants were accepted and signed.

13. Minutes

- Scott Briere made a motion to accept the minutes from July 12 2021 as written. David Gallup seconded the motion and the minutes were accepted.
- Phil Marquette made a motion to accept the minutes from August 16 2021 as written. Scott Briere seconded the motion and the minutes were accepted.

14. Adjourn

- The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm.