

Minutes

Select Board Meeting Town of Coventry

Monday September 12, 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.

Board Members Present

Scott Briere, Chair
David Gallup
Phil Marquette

Town Officials Present

David Barlow, Treasurer
Kerry Keement, Justice of the Peace
Matt Maxwell, Town Administrator
Deb Tanguay, Town Clerk

1. Order

Matt called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. Persons present introduced themselves.

2. Changes or Additions to the Agenda

Matt added the VLCT Town Fair, Community Center plaques and Date for the next select board meeting under Other Business

3. Allow for public comment

The Fall Festival Committee was thanked for putting on a fun, well run event.

4. Matt Krajieski – error and omission to the grand list

Matt was unable to attend the meeting

5. 150 Main Street update

The select board had a discussion on the time table for tearing down the house at 150 Main Street in the village. Phil stated that the Newport Fire Department will use the house for training starting on Tuesday September 13. Dave G would like the town to look into some test pits for sewage at the location. Scott B made the motion to tear down the house. Dave G made the second and the vote was unanimous. Phil M made the motion to accept \$500.00 from Rico Marionetti for the remaining contents inside 150 Main Street. Dave G made the second and the vote was unanimous.

6. ARPA funds update

Matt gave an update that the town has formed an ARPA funds committee consisting of Dave Barlow, Matt Maxwell, Praneet Menon, and Christina Fletcher. The committee will meet in the coming weeks to organize itself and discuss next steps for soliciting proposals.

7. Cleveland Meeting House update

Matt gave the update on the Cleveland Meeting House. The roof has been completed, the painting is getting close to being finished, snow guards have been ordered, and gutters will be installed. The Selectboard would like the shutters painted black, they are currently green. The town will explore a sign for the front entrance and depending on the interest the town has in the building a possible remodel of the interior. Scott asked if the invoice for the roofing has been received by the town. Matt stated that it has, but just came in recently and will be paid in the next AP run. Scott would like to see the final bill for the painting before paying the roofers as there may have been some extra painting required after the roof was installed.

8. August Treasurer's Report

David Barlow presented the Treasurer's report to the select board. It was typical August for the town and there were no questions for David about any of the transactions.

9. Approval of Minutes 8/15/2022

Phil M made the motion to approve the minutes from the 8/15/2022 select board meeting. Scott B made the second and the vote was unanimous.

10. Fire Contract with City of Newport

Phil M explained that the contract with the Newport Fire Department actually expired on June 30, 2022. Matt will contact the City of Newport for an updated contract that the board can sign and approve.

11. Other Business

Matt stated that with the board's approval he will attend the VLCT town fair on October 6 and 7th in Killington, VT. The board approved the request. Matt explained a project conceived by Richard Lussier to affix plaques to the doors in the community center honoring past Coventry residents. The cost of each plaque is \$40.00 for a total of \$200.00. Phil made the motion to approve the purchasing of the plaques. Scott B made the second and the vote was unanimous. The Board decided not to hold a second meeting in the month of November. The next select board meeting will be October 3.

12. Warrants

Phil M made the motion to approve the warrants. Dave G made the second and the vote was unanimous.

13. Executive Session

Phil M made the motion to enter executive session for a personnel matter. Scott B made the second and the vote was unanimous. The select board along with Dave Barlow and Matt Maxwell entered executive session at 6:58pm. The select board came out of executive session at 7:22pm. No action taken

14. Executive Session

Phil made the motion to enter executive session for a legal matter. Dave G made the second and the vote was unanimous. The select board along with Matt Maxwell and David Barlow entered executive session at 7:26pm. The board came out of executive session at 7:56pm. Phil M made the motion to authorize Scott and Matt to represent the town during the anticipated mediation session with Casella. Dave G made the second and the vote was unanimous

15. Adjourn

Scott B made the motion to adjourn. Phil M made the second.
Vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm