

MINUTES
SELECT BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF COVENTRY
MONDAY JUNE 8TH, 2020 AT 10:00 A.M.

Board Members Present:

Scott Briere/ Chair; David Gallup; Phil Marquette

Town Officials Present:

Amanda Carlson / Town Administrator

Kate Fletcher / Assessing Clerk

Guests:

Martha Sylvester

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

1. Chair Scott Briere called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

- Phil Marquette made the motion to amend the agenda and allow for public comment. Seconded by Scott Briere and unanimously approved by the Board.
- Resident Martha Sylvester commented that she felt the Board should consider greater displays of compassion for the employees and the community.

2. Personnel Discussion

Anticipated executive session in accordance with 1 V.S.A § 313 (3)

- Phil Marquette made the motion to enter into executive session in accordance with 1 V.S.A. § 313 (3) for personnel discussions. Seconded by David Gallup and unanimously approved by the Board.
- The Board entered into executive session at 10:03 a.m.
- The Board exited executive session at 12:11 a.m.
- No decisions made by the Board.

3. Other Business

- Martha Sylvester spoke to the Board about effective leadership expressing concerns that the community felt the Board members were not open to public opinion.
- The Board acknowledged Martha's comments and unanimously stated that the community was welcomed and encouraged to approach the Board at any time and they appreciated all comments and opinions.

- Phil Marquette made the motion to approve the following resolution:
Resolution: All cities, towns and villages in Vermont are essential, and Vermont local officials support fair and direct federal emergency aid to reopen and rebuild local American economies.
- Seconded by Scott Briere and unanimously approved by the Board.
- All Vermont Towns and Cities are being asked to consider the resolution to submit to the Federal Government in hopes of gaining financial support after the pandemic.

- The Board unanimously agreed to have the Town Administrator prepare an RFP for renovations to the Community Center kitchen and installation of an ADA accessible elevator for the building.

- The Board unanimously agreed to work with the Preservation Trust of Vermont to receive grant funds towards the cost of hiring an Engineer to do a more extensive assessment of the Village Church building.

4. Sign orders

- Item tabled.

5. Meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

The next Select Board meeting will be held on Monday June 15th, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

Scott Briere / Chairman

David Gallup

Phil Marquette

Amanda Carlson / Town Administrator