

Minutes
Select Board Meeting
Town of Coventry
Monday June 27, 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, Vice Chair

Town Officials Present

David Barlow, Treasurer & Acting Secretary to the Select Board

Residents Present

None

Non-Residents Present

None

Contractors Present

None

Press Present

None

1. Order

David B called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm. Persons present introduced themselves.

2. Changes or Additions to the Agenda

David B requested the Board delegate to Phil M the authority to review and approve the upcoming Accounts Payable (AP) run prior to the next Select Board meeting due to the extended timeline prior to the next meeting. Scott B motioned the same. Seconded by David G. Approved by Scott B and David G.

Phil M asked when the next meeting would occur. Following a brief discussion, the Board decided on July 11th. The July 18th meeting was to remain on the schedule. (Following this meeting, the July 11th meeting was cancelled due to the unavailability of David B.)

3. Allow for public comment

None.

4. Anticipated executive session for legal discussions [1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1)(F)]

Scott B motioned: “I move to find that premature general public knowledge regarding the Town’s legal strategy with certain contract matters would clearly place the Town at a substantial disadvantage, because the selectboard risks disclosing its negotiation strategy if it discusses the strategy in public.” Seconded by David G. Unanimous approval.

Scott B motioned “I move that we enter into executive session to discuss confidential attorney-client communications made for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the body under the provisions of Title 1, Section 313(a)(1)(F) of the Vermont Statutes. Seconded by David G. Unanimous approval.

The Board entered into executive session at 6:08. The Board exited executive session at 6:30. No decisions were made.

5. Anticipated executive session for personnel discussions [1 V.S.A. § 313 (a)(3)]

Scott B motioned “I move that we go into executive session to discuss the hiring of an employee under the provisions of Title 1, Section 313(a)(3) of the Vermont Statutes.” Seconded by David G; unanimous approval.

The Board entered executive session at 6:31 pm. The Board exited executive session at 6:55 pm. No decisions were made.

Scott B motioned to authorize David B to negotiate with the candidates to fill the Town Administrator position. Seconded by David G. Unanimous approval.

6. Adjourn

Motioned by David G, seconded by Scott B, unanimous approval. The meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm.

Approved 18 July 2022

Scott Briere - Chair
David Gallup
Phil Marquette