

Minutes

Select Board Meeting

Town of Coventry

Monday January 10th,2022

Board Members Present

Scott Briere, Chair; Phil Marquette; David Gallup

Town officials present

Ned Connell, Town Administrator; David Barlow, Town Treasurer

Residents Present

Praneet Menon; Israel Sanville

1. Order

- Chair Scott B called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

2. Changes or Additions to the Agenda

- No changes were made to the agenda.

3. Public Comment

- No public comment was offered.

4. FY2023 Road Budget Review

- The proposed roads budget for FY2023 was discussed.
- Scott B Made a motion to accept and sign the road budget for FY2023 with the changes to Road Commissioner's salary to be increased to \$60,000 (\$30,000 for each season) and employee health insurance to be increased to \$20,000. Phil M seconded the motion and the road budget was accepted.

5. FY2023 General Budget Review

- The proposed budget for FY2023 was discussed.
- Auditing budget was discussed and altered.
- Budget for patrol provided by the Orleans County Sheriff's office was discussed and an annual contract amount of about \$13,000 was agreed to.
- Long term investment funding was also discussed and altered.
- The General Budget will be included in the next meeting for further discussion and a final decision.

6. Draft Town Meeting Review

- this agenda item will be reviewed after item 7.
- After agenda item 7 the Select Board reviewed the draft warning for Town meeting and amended as needed.
- This topic will be discussed further at the next meeting.

7. Town Meeting Day Update

- The options for holding town meeting day were discussed to include Australian ballot, holding a regular town meeting and postponing the regular meeting to a later date.
- Signed petitions are due for any candidate running for office in 2022 by January 24th containing only 7 signatures to be considered on the ballot.
- Scott B made a motion to hold 2022 Town meeting votes by Australian ballot, and Phil M seconded the motion. Scott B and Phil M voted in favor and David G voted against. The motion passed and Town Meeting votes will be taken by Australian ballot.
- Terms to be filled on the Planning Commission were discussed as most positions are up for reelection.

8. Elijah Cleveland Meeting House Roof Replacement

- Bid pricing was discussed for the replacement of the meeting house roof.
- Scott B made a motion to accept the bid from Vermont Construction dated for 10/21/2021 \$69,000 as well as additional funds for installation of snow guards to total up to \$90,000 for replacement of the Elijah Cleveland meeting house roof. Phil M seconded the motion. All members voted in favor and the bid will be finalized by Ned C.

9. Minutes

- Scott B made a motion to accept the minutes from January 3rd 2022 as written. Phil M seconded the motion. All members voted in favor at the minutes were approved.

10. Executive Session - Personnel Matters

- Scott B made a motion for The Select Board to go into executive session for Personnel discussion. The Select Board enter the session at 8:52pm and exited at 9:26pm.
- A performance review letter has been drafted and signed by the Select Board and the Town Administrator with several items to work on over the next several months. The review letter will be added to the Town Administrator's personnel file.

11. Adjourn

- Scott B moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:28pm. Phil M seconded the motion. All members voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned.