

MINUTES
SELECT BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF COVENTRY
MONDAY JANUARY 18 2021 AT 6:00 PM

Board Members Present:

Scott Briere, Chair; Phil Marquette; David Gallup.

Town Officials Present:

Ned Connell, Town Administrator; Amanda Carlson, former Town Administrator; Deb Tanguay, Town Clerk; David Barlow, Town Treasurer; Kate Fletcher, Assessing Clerk; Bill Krajeski, Assessor/Consultant

Guests:

Matt Krajeski, Susan Harkey, Rory Merritt, Brian Carroll, Martha Sylvester.

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

1. **Chair Scott Briere called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.**
2. **Allow for public comment**
 - Martha offered a quote from Martin Luther King Jr in remembrance of Martin Luther King Day - “We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools”.
3. **Assessor Bill Krajeski**
 - Assessor Bill Krajeski updated the board on the Re-assessment progress.
 - they are making good progress and will extend their efforts to help get all properties assessed in a timely manner.
 - **MOTION:** Scott made a motion to allow David Barlow, David Gallup, and Ned Connell to meet and discuss portions of the budget pertaining to the Assessors office.
 - Phil seconded, and the motion was accepted.
4. **Coventry Fire District**
 - Martha updated the board on an open seat on the Coventry Fire District (CFD) committee.
 - The board will work with the Fire District and the Town Administrator, as it has done in the past, to inform the residents and encourage participation.
 - This work will include a postcard mailing to all voters residing in the CFD district.
5. **Finalize FY2022 Budget**
 - **MOTION:** Phil made the motion to allow David Gallup and David Barlow to meet and discuss a plan for the general budget for fiscal year 2022. Scott seconded and no other action was taken.
 - This will be on the agenda for the next Select Board meeting.

6. Review 2021 Annual Town Meeting Warning

- Deb informed the board that the positions of Grand Juror and Town Agent will not appear on the ballot for town meeting as State legislation has eliminated them. However, the Select Board has the authority to appoint a Grand Juror, if they feel it is necessary.
- Deb also informed the board that the School Board will be included in the informational meetings leading up to Town Meeting Day.
- Warning cannot be completed without finalized budget. No other action was taken.
- This topic will be added to the agenda for the next Select Board Meeting.

7. Review Draft Policy on Social Services Appropriations

- The Board discussed the implementation of an appropriations policy.
- Amendments were suggested and an updated policy draft will be discussed at the next Select Board Meeting.

8. Town Administrators Report

- Ned addressed the board to open dialog for pending town business. This topic will be added to the agenda for the next Select Board meeting.

9. Other Business

- David Gallup informed all that the Town closed on the purchase of the Kimball Property.
- Deb informed all of state legislation to allow Towns to delay town meeting or send ballots to all registered voters. **Please note** - Select Board has already voted to hold town meeting via Australian ballot.
- The Select Board expressed thanks and gratitude for all the hard work Amanda has done to get the town to where it is today. She will be greatly missed as she transitions from the Town work, but we know she will continue to do great things.

10. Sign orders

- Outstanding warrants were discussed.
- **MOTION:** Phil made the motion to accept the warrants as is and sign electronically. Scott Seconded, and the motion was passed.

11. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

- **MOTION:** Scott made the motion to adjourn the meeting. David seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

Scott Briere/ Chair

David Gallup

Phil Marquette

Ned Connell/ Town Administrator