

Minutes

Select Board Meeting

Town of Coventry

Monday November 15 2021

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; Martha Sylvester; Israel Sanville

Guests Present

Joe Gay and Sam Nicolas from Casella; Henry Coe; Beth Barnes; J Walsh

1. Order

- Chair Scott B called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

2. Changes or Additions to the Agenda

- Warrants will be postponed until next meeting.

3. Public Comment

- Martha S suggested rewording the agenda items that refer to executive session.
- Scott B agreed and the wording will be changed to “anticipated executive session”

4. NEWSVT Landfill Update

- Joe G updated the town on the progress being made on the construction of the new cell. Construction is on schedule and they expect to receive final approval later in the week from inspectors.
- The unlined portion of the landfill was discussed as still a project to be looked at in coming years.
- Leachate permitting was discussed and a primary disposal site was to be Montpelier.
- Sam spoke about the pilot program for leachate pre-treatment to be located onsite at the landfill. Program will progress in the next year or so.
- Recent permitting requirements were discussed as well as possible technologies for mitigation of PFAS.

5. Elijah Cleveland Meeting House Roofing Proposal

- A bid was received for work to be done in the spring.
- No decision was made at this time.

6. NEK Broadband Update

- David B updated the town on the progress being made by the NEK Broadband Communications Union District to bring high speed internet to undeserved areas of the state. Project is under way and will be Working in Coventry in the near future.

7. October Treasurers Report

- David B Outlined the Treasurers report for October 2021 as balanced as expected.
- Income to include tax revenue and expenses to include repairs to the cemetery.

8. Other Business

- **Planning Commission request**

- Israel S detailed concerns with the Planning Commission computer as being unreliable and in need of replacing.
- Repairs and replacement were discussed.
- Scott B made a motion to allow David B to purchase a new computer for no more than \$1200 to be used by the planning Commission contingent on funding and only after repairs have been attempted. David G seconded the motion and necessary actions will be explored as needed.
- **Line Painting**
 - The fading of newly painted road lines was discussed. Contractor will be contacted for possible touch ups to be done in the Spring.

9. Personnel Matter – Executive Session- 1 V.S.A. § 313 (1) after making a specific finding that premature general public knowledge would clearly place the public body or a person involved at a substantial disadvantage – personnel

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- Select Board went into executive session for discussion of a personnel matter at 7:45pm. They invited David Barlow to join them. The executive session was exited at 8:06pm.
- No decisions or actions were made upon exiting executive session.

11. Warrants

- This topic was be postponed until the next regular meeting.

12. Minutes

- This topic was be postponed until the next regular meeting.

13. Adjourned at 8:10 pm