

Minutes

Select Board Meeting

Town of Coventry

Monday November 1st 2021

Board Members Present

Scott Briere, Chair; Phil Marquette; David Gallup

Town officials present

Ned Connell, Town Administrator; Deb Tanguay, Town Clerk; David Barlow, Town Treasurer

Residents Present

Praneet Menon; Martha Sylvester; Marie Sloan; Raymond Girouard

Guests Present

Anthony Tanguay

1. Order

- Chair Scott B called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

2. Changes or Additions to the Agenda

- Items D and E will be added to the agenda item #12.
- David G asked to add Executive Sessions regarding personnel after Other Business.

3. Coventry Fire District Appointment

- Scott B made a motion to accept the letter of interest and appoint Marie Sloan to the Coventry Fire District. Phil M seconded. Scott B and Phil M voted in favor and David G voted against the appointment. Marie Sloan will join the Fire District Prudential Committee.

4. Planning Commission Appointment

- Praneet Menon introduced himself as a new resident.
- Scott B made a motion to appoint Praneet Menon to the Coventry Planning Commission. Phil M seconded the motion. All members voted in favor and Praneet Menon will join the Planning Commission.

5. Planning Commission Appointment

- Scott B made a motion to appoint Zack Partridge to the Coventry Planning Commission. Phil M seconded the motion. Scott B and Phil M voted in favor and David G voted against the appointment. Zack Partridge will join the Planning Commission.

6. 299 Main Street Drainage

- A letter previously sent to Tony Tanguay regarding his property border and actions at 299 Main Street was discussed as lacking some important information.
- Select Board discussed the property line and drainage needs surrounding the property.
- Phil M made a motion to send an amended letter to Tony Tanguay with specific due dates and removing the bullet point calling for the drainage ditch to be restored. David G seconded the motion. Phil M and David G voted in favor and Scott B voted against. An amended letter will be sent.

7. Planning Commission Recommendation for consultant to conduct the Sidewalk Scoping Study

- Ned C outlined the 2 quotes for the sidewalk scoping study as well as the Planning Commission recommendation of hiring the Dufresne Group.

- Phil M made a motion to accept the quote for sidewalk scoping study from the Dufresne Group and Scott B seconded the motion. All members voted in favor and the quote was accepted.

8. Elijah Cleveland Meeting House Weathervane Proposal

- Scott B made a motion to accept the quote for a new weathervane on the Elijah Cleveland Meeting House from Jan Lewandoski in the amount of \$2,250. David G seconded the motion. All members voted in favor and the quote was accepted.

9. Elijah Cleveland Meeting House Roofing Proposal

- This topic will be discussed at the next meeting in an effort to get more bids.

10. Line Striping Proposal

- David G presented an estimate from Franks Line Striping on Coventry Station Road and Alderbrook Road.
- Scott B made a motion to accept the estimate from Franks Line Striping for the amount of \$19,750.00 contingent on the inability of VTrans to complete the project timely. David G seconded the motion. All members voted in favor and the proposal was accepted.

11. Other Business

A. Bradley Maxwell Certificate of appreciation

- Ned C announced that the Certificate of Appreciation awarded to Bradley Maxwell has been received and will be displayed at the Community Center.

B. News VT Leachate Permit

- Martha S recapped a recently held permit meeting concerning treatment of leachate and recalled that the town had little to no representation at the meeting.
- The permit was described by Martha S as lacking information regarding the pilot program.
- She suggested that the town have a designated person that attends these meetings to represent and relay information to the town.
- Martha S also encouraged the Board members that are not in support of this permit as being incomplete, to write a letter asking for information to be disclosed.

C. Town Meeting Articles

- Process and timelines for creating articles was mentioned and information will be collected.
- This topic will be discussed further in a future meeting.

12. Tabled Matters

A. Pine Hill Road

- Project is still moving forward as scheduled.

B. Lady Bird Park Lighting

- David G reported that the existing light in Lady Bird Park has been replaced.

C. Australian Ballot article for Town Meeting 2022

- No new information to offer on this topic.

13. 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

- Phil M made a motion for the Selectboard to enter executive session for the discussion of personnel matters.

- Upon exiting executive session Scott B reported that no decisions have been made at this time and this topic will be discussed further in a future meeting.

14. Warrants

- Phil M made a motion to accept and sign all warrants as presented. Scott B seconded the motion and all warrants were signed.

15. Minutes

- Phil M made a motion to accept the minutes from October 4th and October 18th 2021 as written. Scott B seconded the motion and both minutes were accepted.

16. Adjourn

- Phil M made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Scott B seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.