

Minutes

Select Board Meeting

Town of Coventry

Monday January 17th,2022

Board Members Present

Scott Briere, Chair; Phil Marquette; David Gallup

Town Officials Present

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

Residents Present

Praneet Menon; Martha Sylvester

Guests Present for the Executive Session

Brian Monaghan; Bill Krajieski

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Chair Scott B called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION - LEGAL MATTER

- Scott B made a motion for the Select Board to go into an executive session to include Ned C, David B, Brian M, Bill K for discussion of legal matters.
- The executive session started at 5:31pm and ended at 5:58pm.
- Upon exiting the executive session Scott B informed all present that no decisions or actions will be taken by the Select Board at this time.

3. CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- Agenda Item 9 will be added to the agenda for the discussion regarding the reserve funds.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

- No public comment was offered.

5. FY2023 GENERAL BUDGET REVIEW

- Select Board reviewed the proposed General budget for FY2023.
- Phil M made a motion to accept the draft budget for FY2023 as presented with corrections as noted. All members voted in favor and the budget was accepted.

6. STATE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES IN S.172

- The Select Board discussed the process for holding town meeting by Australian ballot following the state policy change. A new vote will need to be taken in consideration of these changes regardless of outcome of preliminary vote at the last meeting.
- Scott B made a motion to hold the Town Meeting for 2022 by Australian ballot. Phil M seconded the motion. Scott B and Phil M voted in favor and David G voted against the motion. Town Meeting 2022 will be held via Australian ballot.
- Scott B made a motion to mail ballots to all of the towns active, non-challenged voters. Phil M seconded the motion, all members voted in favor and ballots will be mailed.
- Possible dates for informational meetings were discussed to include Wednesday Feb 23rd at 5:00pm, Saturday Feb 26th at 9:00am, and Monday Feb 28th at 6:00pm. The Select Board agreed with those dates and times.
- Any resident who is interested in running for a position within the Town is required to submit a Candidate Consent form by the deadline of January 24th to be included on the

ballot for Town Meeting. However, the voters signature requirement has been waived by the State by adoption of S.172.

7. 2022 ROAD MILEAGE CERTIFICATE

- Phil M made a motion to accept and sign the certificate of highway mileage for 2022. Scott B seconded the motion. All members voted in favor and the certificate was signed.

8. REVIEW AMENDED ATV ORDINANCE

- Praneet M outlined the changes to the ATV ordinance as proposed by the Planning Commission.
- Select Board discussed the changes to include the time and seasonal limits.
- Discussion of the ATV Ordinance amendment will continue the review and discussion at the next Select Board meeting on Monday January 24.

9. EXCESS REVENUES DISTRIBUTION

- David B outlined excess revenues received in FY2021 and reserve account for distribution into of the funds.
- David B recommended creating an additional capital account in order to hold the excess revenue and that account would be solely for capital purchases of road equipment.
- Reappraisal fund was discussed as an account that was to gain some of the excess general funds.
- Investment fund was also presented to receive excess funds.

10. WARRANTS

- Phil M made a motion to accept the warrants as presented. Scott B seconded the motion. All members voted in favor and the warrants were accepted and signed.

11. MINUTES

- Phil made a motion to accept the minutes from Monday January 10th 2022 with the correction to Item 7 regarding the vote to hold town meeting votes by Australian ballot to reflect that Scott B and Phil M voted in favor and David G voted against the motion. As well as corrections to Item 4 regarding the roads budget for FY 2023. Scott B seconded the motion, all members voted in favor and the minutes were approved.

11. ADJOURN

- Scott B made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Phil M seconded the motion. All members voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned.