

Minutes

Select Board Meeting

Town of Coventry

Monday January 3rd, 2022

Board Members Present

Scott Briere, Chair; Phil Marquette; David Gallup

Town officials present

Ned Connell, Town Administrator; Deb Tanguay, Town Clerk

Residents present

Martha Sylvester, Daniel Rondeau, Praneet Menon

Guests present

Laura Stone- VTrans - Scoping, Bob Klinefelter - VTrans - Design

1. Order

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

2. Changes or Additions to the Agenda

- Agenda item 7A will be added for the discussion of the ATV ordinance.
- Agenda item 7B will be added for the discussion of a letter to NEWSVT.

3. Public Comment

- No public comment was offered.

4. VTrans Public Informational Meeting - for Bridge 132 on VT Route 14, over Stony Brook

- Laura S presented a power point outlining the information to be discussed at the regional meeting regarding the culvert and bridge work located at Bridge 132 on VT Route 14 at Blake Road.
- David G inquired on the feasibility of repairing another culvert on the same road during the same timeline to help avoid disrupting traffic multiple times. Laura S will look into this information.
- The detour route was discussed and the ability of larger trucks to make the sharper corners on detour route was also discussed. Especially the turn from US Route 5 northbound to VT Route 105 westbound in Newport City.

5. FY2023 Road Budget Review

- the Draft roads budget for FY2023 was discussed including salaries and anticipated grants.

6. FY2023 General Budget Review

- The general budget for FY2023 was discussed to include salary changes and law enforcement changes.

7. Town Meeting Day Update

- Deb T recommended that the Select Board vote on conducting the Town meeting by Australian ballot in anticipation of the approval through state legislation.
- Any residents looking to run for a position within the town would be required to submit a petition signed by 5% of residents (~37) in order to be included on the ballot.
- A letter to town residents might be sent to informing of the possibility, requirements, and time frame of continuing with Australian ballot style voting for Town Meeting Day during this pandemic and in the event of the approval from the Vermont Legislature.

7A. ATV Ordinance

- Phil M discussed the inclusion of a vote concerning the ATV ordinance on the ballot for town meeting as an informational poll.

7B. NEWSVT Letter

- A public records requesting letter and timeline sent to NEWSVT was discussed.

8. Warrants

- All warrants were discussed and signed.

9. Minutes

- Scott B made a motion to accept the minutes from December 20th 2021 as written. Phil M seconded the motion. All members voted in favor that the minutes be approved.

10. Executive Session

- Scott B made a motion for The Select Board to go into executive session for personnel matters and discussion. The Select Board enter the session at 8:25pm and exited at 9:45pm.
- The Select Board had reviewed Ned C'S work as Town Administrator over his first year and had several recommendations. The key recommendation was to clean up the many "loose ends" that remain for various tasks. These need to be completed quickly over the next several weeks. A letter signed by the Select Board and Ned C will be added to his personnel file.

11. Adjourn

- Scott B moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:50pm. Phil M seconded the motion. All members voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned.