

MINUTES
SELECT BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF COVENTRY
Monday May 10 2021

Board Members Present:

Scott Briere, Chair; David Gallup; Phil Marquette

Town Officials Present:

Ned Connell, Town Administrator; David Barlow, Town Treasurer; Deb Tanguay, Town Clerk;
Dan Rondeau- Planning Commission chair

Residents Present:

Martha Sylvester, Joi & Rory Merritt, Donna Griffes, Len Griffes, Ernie Punt, Karen Bake-Orne,
Rudy Percy, Cory & Renee Fortin, David Graves, Kathy Bowman, Linda & Norman Bennett,
Lisa & Ricky Burke, Wendy & Andre Grenier.

Guests Present:

Christopher Roy, Newport Daily Express; Scott Jenness - BLRR; Lee Curtis - BLRR; Kurt
Gerard - BLRR

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

1. Order

- Chair Scott Briere called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

2. Changes or Additions to the Agenda

- No changes or additions were presented.

3. Public Comment

- No public comment offered.

4. Planning Commission update on ATV ordinance

- Dan R outlined updates to the ATV ordinance as configured by the Planning Commission.
- Phil M suggested altering the Town sticker program to include “guests” or “invitees”.
- Karen B suggested the addition of “Tax payers”, so that non-resident property owners could receive a sticker.
- A town road map was presented showing roads that may be opened to the ATVs. Each road was discussed as to feasibility of ATV travel.

- David R remarked that closing some roads puts more of a burden on other high traveled roads and suggested opening more roads to distribute ATV traffic more evenly. Several residents agreed.
- Dan R will bring this new information to the Planning Commission and the Ordinance will be reviewed further.

5. Warrants

- All warrants were discussed, accepted, and will be signed.

6. Minutes

- **May 3rd, 2021**
 - David G made a motion to accept the minutes from May 3rd, 2021 as written. Phil M seconded and the minutes were accepted.

7. Other Business

- **April 19th 2021 Minutes**
 - Scott B made a motion to correct an earlier motion made at the April 19th 2021 meeting to the following – The Town will expend up to \$79,000 for the purchase of a 2020 from the Road Infrastructure and Equipment Reserve fund. (Note: the earlier motion at the April 19 meeting did not specifically mention the Road Infrastructure and Equipment Reserve fund, so did not have sufficient information and detail to permit withdrawal of monies from that fund.)
 - Phil M seconded the motion. All voted in favor, David G abstained from this vote as he is also the Road Commissioner.

8. Executive Session

- The Select Board entered executive session for the discussion of WEC appraisal.
- Upon exiting discussion Scott B stated that no determinations will be made at this time and negotiations will continue.

9. Executive session

- The Select Board went into executive session for 3-month review of Ned C the new Town Administrator.
- Upon exiting executive session, the Select Board reported that they are generally happy with the work being done, gave recommendations for improvement, and thanked Ned C for his work with the Town.

10. Adjourn

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.