

MINUTES

SELECT BOARD MEETING

TOWN OF COVENTRY

MONDAY JANUARY 25, 2021 AT 6:00 PM

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.

Guests:

Susan Harkey; Rory Merritt.

*This meeting was offered to the public via Zoom video conference
and in accordance with public building restrictions.*

1. **Chair Scott Briere called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.**
2. **Finalize FY2022 Budget**
 - The draft budget for 2022 was presented and discussed.
 - **MOTION:** Scott made a motion to accept the town budget of \$ 1,099,000
 - \$756,000 - Recommended General Fund Budget for FY2022.
 - \$343,000 - Recommended Road Budget for FY2022.
 - Motion was seconded by Phil.
 - Vote was unanimous and the budget is accepted.
3. **Finalize 2021 Annual Town Meeting Warning**
 - A draft Town Meeting Warning was presented and discussed.
 - Some updates will be made to include budget items.
 - **MOTION:** Phil made a motion to accept to Annual Town Meeting Warning as amended.
 - Scott seconded.
 - Vote was unanimous and the Town Meeting Warning was accepted.
4. **Finalize Policy on Social Services, Non-profits, and Betterment Appropriations Policy**
 - Ned presented an updated draft policy.
 - **MOTION:** Scott made the motion to accept this draft of the policy with the correction to section A as discussed.
 - Phil seconded the motion.
 - The Board voted in favor and the policy was accepted.
5. **Other Business**
 - David Barlow inquired about water bill payment pertaining to the newly purchased property.

- **MOTION:** Scott made a motion to incur the water bill for 150 Main Street as a town expense going forward.
 - Phil Seconded the motion.
 - The board voted in favor and the motion was accepted.
- Deb informed the Board of some possible postage reimbursement that she will pursue with the Secretary of State's Office.
- **MOTION:** Scott requested the Board go into executive session to discuss information pertaining to Washington Electric CO-OP.
 - After returning from executive session the Board instructed Ned to arrange a meeting during their Monday February 1 2021 meeting with Brian Monaghan the Town's attorney.
- **MOTION:** Scott requested the Board go into executive session to discuss information related to a draft lease agreement with the Coventry Fire District.
 - After returning from executive session Scott made a motion to give Ned authority to rewrite and revise the lease with the Coventry Fire District.
 - Motion was seconded by Phil.
 - The board voted in favor and the motion was accepted.

6. Meeting adjourned

- **MOTION:** Scott made the motion to adjourn the meeting. David seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

Scott Briere/ Chair

David Gallup

Phil Marquette

Ned Connell/ Town Administrator