

Minutes

Select Board Meeting Town of Coventry wednesday March 6, 2024

This meeting was recorded on Zoom and then posted to YouTube. The link to the Town's YouTube channel is at www.coventryvt.org.

Board Members Present

Scott Morley
Dan Webster

Town Officials Present

Matt Maxwell, Town Administrator
Israel Sanville, Planning Commission
Kate Fletcher, DTC
Deb Tanguay, Town Clerk

Public Present

John Buchanan
Victoria Mead
Scott Briere
Kerry Keement
Norm Patenaude
Chris Roy

1. Order

Matt called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm. Persons present introduced themselves.

2. Changes or Additions to the Agenda

None

3. Allow for public comment

Victoria Mead asked the board about the Town Meeting election of Select Board Member. The Board replied that because none of the three candidates received a majority of the votes there should have been a run off vote between the two top vote getters. This was not done and the town is taking steps towards a solution.

4. Board Reorganized

Dan W made the motion to appoint Scott M as Select Board Chair for the ensuing year. Scott M made the second and the vote was unanimous. Scott M made the motion to appoint Dan W as Vice Chair of the Select Board for the ensuing year. Dan W made the second and the vote was unanimous.

5. Appointments

Treasurer: Scott M stated that there have been some rough patches in the past months between the Select Board and the Treasurer that he believes can be worked through. Scott M said David Barlow is a very good Treasurer and an asset to this town. Scott M said there will be some changes made with how town finances are reported and the Select Board looks forward to working with Dave B on them. Scott M made the motion to appoint David Barlow as town Treasurer for the ensuing year. Dan W made the second and the vote was unanimous.

Emergency Management Director: Scott M made the motion to appoint Phil Marquette as Emergency Management Director. Dan W made the second and the vote was unanimous.

911 Coordinator: Scott M made the motion to appoint Phil Marquette as 911 Coordinator. Dan W made the second and the vote was unanimous.

Fence Viewers: Scott M made the motion to appoint Israel Sanville, Richard Farrar, and Devin Van Bockler as Fence Viewers. Dan W made the second and the vote was unanimous.

Fire Warden: Scott M made the motion to appoint Donald Grondin as Fire Warden. Dan W made the second and the vote was unanimous.

Health Officer: Scott M made the motion to appoint Donald Grondin as Health Officer. Dan W made the second and the vote was unanimous.

Tree Warden: Scott M made the motion to appoint John Buchanan as Tree Warden. Dan W made the second and the vote was unanimous.

Zoning Administrator: Scott M made the motion to appoint Matt Maxwell as Zoning Administrator. Dan W made the second and the vote was unanimous.

6. Noticing and Posting

The Select Board and the audience has a brief discussion on area Newspapers and their various rates. Scott M made the motion to name the Caledonia Record as primary for Town announcements. Dan W made the second and the vote was unanimous.

Scott M made the motion to have the Coventry Community Center, Coventry Village Post Office, Royer's Mini Mart, Casella landfill, and the town website designates as posting spots for town information. Dan W made the second and the vote was unanimous. Scott M made the motion to have the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month as the regular meeting dates for the Coventry Select Board. Dan W made the second and the vote was unanimous.

Scott M made the motion to have the Coventry Community Center as the regular meeting place for Select Board Meetings. Dan W made the second and the vote was unanimous.

Scott M made the motion to have 5pm as the regular meeting time for Select Board Meetings. Dan W made the second and the vote was unanimous.

7. Town Paving - 2024

Scott M spoke to the room and said that the town had been working on the paving for several months and with the results of Town Meeting are now ready to make a decision. Norm Patenaude of Pike asked what the total tonnage of tar was on the two bids and recommended the town use an RFP in the future to keep everything even. Scott M and Norm P discussed the price per ton of each bid and how that factored into the Select Board Decision. John Buchanan told the board that Lane Road does not need to be paved and instead should be maintained with gravel. John B did think it was a mistake to not include Piette Road for pavement. Scott M replied that the town overwhelmingly has expressed a desire for paved roads within town limits. The Select Board is doing its best to fulfill this request, as the budget allows. Norm P suggested a five-year paving plan may be beneficial to the town. Deb T mentioned a paving meeting for residents could help. The board thanked everyone for their input. Scott M made the motion to accept the bid from Hutchins for summer paving projects. Dan W made the second and the vote was unanimous.

8. Adjourn

The Meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 5:43pm.

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