

Minutes
Select Board Meeting
Town of Coventry
Monday July 8, 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
Kerry Keement
Dan Webster

Town Officials Present

Deb Tanguay, Town Clerk
Matt Maxwell, Town Administrator
David Barlow, Treasurer
Israel Sanville, Planning Commission
Kate Fletcher, DTC
Renee Falconer, Animal Control

Public Present

Bobby walls Thuma

1. Order

Matt called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Persons present introduced themselves.

2. Changes or Additions to the Agenda

None

3. Allow for public comment

Bobby Walls Thuma was present to update the select board on what has been happening on Nebelski Road. Bobby said that the residents of 218 Nebelski have moved away and he thanked the select board for their help on all the issues related to the property. Bobby noted that the camper, lots of trash, and some dogs were left behind. Bobby said that the residents of the road would like to see the camper towed away as soon as possible in order to prevent other people from moving into it and continuing the drug activity. Bobby and the board discussed the best way to get the camper and some abandoned cars that were left taken away from the property.

Kerry K spoke about the passing of town resident Pat Sloan and all that he has done for Coventry over the years. Kerry mentioned several charities that Pat was involved in and suggested the town should make a donation on Pat's behalf to one of them.

4. Orleans County Sheriff's Contract

The Select Board reviewed and discussed the Orleans County Sheriff's Contract for July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. Kerry K made the motion to accept. Dan W made the second and the vote was unanimous.

5. Prudential Committee Vacancies

Kerry K and Scott M discussed whether approaching fire district members directly might yield some people interested in joining the committee. Scott stated that there are bigger issues with the CFD than we originally thought and after speaking with the town attorney the consensus is that the CFD has no legal officials. The three-year term of Dom Gervais expired last fall. Dan W and Scott M discussed whether we just need people to fill the vacancies or if there was more to it. The board discussed whether they should continue to pay the water bills from the CFD as they technically do not have any officials. It is the hope of the board that by not paying the CFD will sit down for a meaningful conversation that leads to a resolution. Kate F and Scott M talked about how the CFD has been run for the past four years and what steps are needed in order to ensure that all official positions are filled and we do not end up with the same situation in the future. The Select Board went over their options for trying to recruit people to serve on the Prudential Committee and what skills those people might need. Kerry K asked if it might be wise to contact past committee members as they would have the experience necessary to jump right in. The Select Board asked that Dom Gervais be invited to the next meeting on July 22 for further discussion.

6. Dog Ordinance Update

Deb T and Renee Falconer worked with Select Board member Kerry K to make some changes to the town's dog ordinance. Renee outlined the major changes and the board discussed them and thanked Deb and Renee for all their work. Scott M recommended that the board approve in draft form and then send it to the town attorney to check for any legal issues. Deb T would like to see triplicate forms for animal control so that everyone has a copy and can be kept updated.

7. Hancock Hill – Gravel Pit Parcel

The Select Board discussed next steps in the Hancock Hill Gravel pit parcel that is currently being rented to a third party. Scott M suggested that it could be a decision for Town Meeting Day. The Board would like it to remain on the agenda until there is a resolution.

8. Wednesday on the Waterfront – Sponsor Duties

Deb T said that the town should think about getting a logo designed, so that the town banner at these events will look better. Coventry's donation to WOW allows them a speaker for one of the events. Mike Marcotte was suggested as a good fit and representative of the town. Dan W made the motion for Mike Marcotte to speak at the July 31, 2024 WOW concert. Kerry K made the second and the vote was unanimous.

9. Sullivan and Powers – Audit Scope

Dave B spoke to the board about the audit scope document and how it will enable Sullivan and Powers to begin work on the FY 2024 audit for which they have been contracted. Kerry K made the motion to accept and sign. Dan W made the second and the vote was unanimous.

10. Other Business

Scott M apologized for not responding to emails as he is experiencing some issues with his town email account. Scott M will meet with the Road Crew for some work on Maple Ridge concerning water drainage.

11. Approval of Minutes – 6/17/2024

Dan W made the motion to approve the minutes. Kerry K made the second and the vote was unanimous.

12. Warrants

The Select Board discussed whether or not to pay the invoices received from the CFD. Scott M made the motion to approve the warrants with the exception of the CFD invoices. Kerry K made the second and the vote was unanimous
Kerry and Scott discussed the town doing something for Pat Sloan

13. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:23pm