

## Minutes

### Select Board Meeting Town of Coventry Monday October 21, 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](http://www.coventryvt.org).*

#### **Board Members Present**

Scott Morley  
Kerry Keement  
Dan I Webster

#### **Town Officials Present**

Deb Tanguay, Town Clerk  
Matt Maxwell, Town Administrator  
David Barlow, Treasurer  
Israel Sanville, Planning Commission

#### **Public Present**

Phil Marquette, EMD  
Dan Rondeau, Cemetery Commission  
Matt Wilson, Chronicle  
Charlie Pronto, Newport Ambulance  
Jeff Johansen, Newport Ambulance  
Chris Roy, Newport Daily

#### **1. Order**

Matt called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm. Persons present introduced themselves.

#### **2. Changes or Additions to the Agenda**

Switch agenda items 4 and 5

#### **3. Allow for public comment**

None

#### **4. Newport Ambulance**

Charlie Pronto and Jeff Johansen were in attendance to talk about preliminary budget numbers for Newport Ambulance Service. Jeff J said that Coventry will see an increase of \$2117.00 for the new contract and that it comes out to \$43.37 per person. Charlie

P stated that Newport Ambulance gave a 5% raise to all their employees and encouraged Coventry to send a letter of support for North Country Hospital. The select board and Charlie P discussed what changes would take place should North Country Hospital close or not provide the same services that they currently do. The board thanked Charlie and Jeff and said they were very comfortable with the budget numbers they provided. Jeff will send a contract to be signed.

#### **5. Gravel Pit Parcel – Hancock Hill**

Dan W spoke with the Ofsuryk family about the Gravel Pit Parcel and how it is not good business for the town to allow them to rent town land to a third party. Scott M thanked Dan for reaching out to the Ofsuryks and also believes that it is not appropriate for them to be able to rent town land. Scott M spoke with the town attorney and he will provide the town with steps to take to resolve the issue. The board agreed that it may end up being a town meeting issue. The select board spoke with both Dan R and Chris R about the history of the parcel and how to present it at town meeting.

#### **6. Hazard Mitigation Plan**

The select board looked over a draft Hazard Mitigation Plan. There was some discussion with Phil M, who felt the plan was updated correctly and should be submitted. Phil stated that amendments can be made at a later date. Dan W made the motion to accept the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Kerry K made the second and the vote was unanimous.

#### **7. Treasurer's Report**

Dave B presented the September Treasurer's Report and reported that with tax money coming the spending and revenues were normal for the month. Dave transferred \$800,000 to the General Fund to cover the paving invoice. At the recommendation of the audit Dave B consolidated the checking accounts at Community National Bank, everything is now in one account and will give the October report a different look. The investment portfolio has a normal month and Dave will speak with VLCT and the auditors about how to clear up the Solid Waste Fund and the Coventry Fire District. The board thanked Dave B.

#### **8. Town Report 2025**

The Town Administrator reminded all town officials to provide budget numbers that need select board approval by November 4, 2024. Deb T asked if the school information could go at the front of the report instead of the back. The board discussed possible candidates for the dedication page. Deb mentioned that for privacy reasons the state does not want clerks to list names on the births, deaths, and marriages page.

**9. Other Business**

None

**10. Approval of Minutes**

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

**11. Warrants**

Dan W made the motion to accept the Warrants. Kerry K made the second and the vote was unanimous.

**12. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 5:52pm.