

Minutes

Select Board Meeting

Town of Coventry

Wednesday January 22, 2025

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

Kerry Keement

Dan I Webster

Town Officials Present

Matt Maxwell, Town Administrator

Israel Sanville, Planning Commission

David Barlow, Treasurer

Public Present

Chris Roy, Newport Daily

Carleen Leonhart

1. Order

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

2. Changes or Additions to the Agenda

MERP Proposal removed from Agenda

3. Allow for public comment

Kerry K thanked Maurice Maxwell for his work as a Lister for the Town of Coventry.

4. FY 2026 Town Budget

Dan and Kerry discussed the proposed budget with Dave B. Kerry asked about some of the stipend increases. Dave explained that a Wage and Salary sheet will be presented in June. The major increase for this year was in health insurance costs. This increase occurred across the state. Dan W made the motion to approve the budget. Kerry K made the second and the vote was unanimous.

5. Town Meeting Warning

The Select Board discussed with Dave B the need for the FY status to be represented on the money articles and ultimately decided to include it. FY2026 was added to articles 9, 10, and 11. Dan W made the motion to approve the warning with the FY changes. Kerry K made the second and the vote was unanimous.

6. FEMA Buyouts

Matt M spoke to the board about the FEMA buyouts at 55 Conway Court and 989 River Road. Appraisals have been set up and once completed it will move to the demolition stage. The board spoke with Carleen Leonhart and she will work with Matt on the forms needed for the State buyout of 89 Main Street.

7. Mileage Certificate for Town Roads

The only change was Airport Road from the four corners to the Irasburg line is now a Class 2 road. Dan W made the motion to approve. Kerry K made the second and the vote was unanimous.

8. Logo or Decals for Town Vehicles

Kerry K would like the town to look into a town logo for use at various events the town sponsors. Decals on town trucks and equipment to make them more identifiable was also discussed. All present felt it was a good idea and will look into involving the school in the process.

9. Treasurer's Report

Dave B went over the two major money events of December 2024. The payment to CVS for education taxes at 2.1 million and the appropriation payment to Coventry Town Foundation of \$250,000. It was a normal month for both the Highway and General fund. \$250,000 went to long term investment as voted on at Town Meeting.

10. Executive Budget Report

Dave B stated that the Casella payment received in January went to the Highway Fund. Dave told the board that the Town is right on target for expenses for the year with 56% of the Fiscal year gone by and 54% on expenses accounted for. There will be one more landfill revenue check for FY2025. Operational expenses are at a good number. Paving has been paid for. The truck approved at Town Meeting is still on back order. The Board thanked David for both his reports.

11. Other Business

Dan W made the motion to approve \$100 in support of the Olney Invitational. Kerry K made the second and the vote was unanimous.

12. Approval of Minutes

Dan W made the motion to approve the Minutes of 1/6/2025. Kerry

K made the second and the vote was unanimous.

14. Adjourn

The Meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 5:54pm

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