

## Minutes

### Select Board Meeting Town of Coventry Monday February 24, 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](http://www.coventryvt.org).*

#### **Board Members Present**

Kerry Keement  
Dan I Webster

#### **Town Officials Present**

Matt Maxwell, Town Administrator  
David Barlow, Treasurer  
Deb Tanguay, Town Clerk

#### **Public Present**

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**

None

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

Kerry K mentioned the skating rink in the village and whether it could be revived. Deb T said that in the past it has been hard to get people to keep the rink maintained.

#### **4. Road Salt Contract**

The Road Crew went through all of the road salt that the town had contracted for the winter. Delivery of more salt required a new contract with Cargill. The TA executed the new contract with Select Board approval for 100 more tons of road salt. The board discussed contracting for more tonnage next winter.

#### **5. Heater for Route 14 Garage**

The Road Crew would like a Modine heater for the route 14 garage. The radiant heat in the floor is not sufficient on cold days.

The board discussed and will table the issue until a future meeting.

## **6. Ice Jam RFP**

The Town of Coventry received a grant through NVDA and the Vermont Department of Public Safety for an Ice Jam study on the Black River in Coventry. An RFP will be issued looking for engineering services that will focus on flood mitigation related to ice jams.

## **7. Emergency Alert Options**

Residents in Coventry have expressed an interest in a town specific emergency alert service. This would help during times of flooding and heavy snow or ice. Deb T mentioned something similar to what the school uses and to contact Phil Marquette for information related to it. The board discussed and would like Deb T to contact Phil.

## **8. Treasurer Report**

Dave B presented the January 2025 Treasurer's report. The town has received Casella revenue payment for this quarter and the expenses for the month were normal. The investment fund continues to perform well and is currently at over 14 million. \$250,000 was moved from CNB checking to a 4% Fidelity account. The Highway fund is now in the black with revenue applied from most recent Casella payment. The restricted funds have remained at the same amounts. Dave B and Dan W discussed the EDP fund used by the school.

Dave B gave the select board a current budget status update. As of 2/20/2025 the town has received 72% of its expected revenue for the fiscal year. Expenses are right on track for the year. The transfers to the CTF and long-term investing have been made. Projected revenue for the year is tracking at approximately \$200,000 less than expected. Dave B and Kerry K discussed the plow truck that was approved for purchase at last town meeting and is still on back order. Dave B provided a document showing unemployment that the town has paid in 2024 and offered a suggestion on legal consultation as it applies to town tax sales. The board thanked Dave B for his report.

## **9. Town Meeting 2025**

The Select Board discussed the schedule and responsibilities as they pertain to Town Meeting on March 4, 2025. The town will provide a remote viewing option and food will be available for those that attend in person. The school information meeting is being held on March 3, 2025 at 6pm.

## **10. Other Business**

None

**11. Approval of Minutes**

Dan W made the motion to approve the Minutes of 2/3/2025. Kerry K made the second and the vote was unanimous.

**12. Warrants**

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

**13. Adjourn**

The Meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:13pm

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