

Minutes
Select Board Meeting
Town of Coventry
Monday February 02, 2026

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

Ed Fournier, Town Administrator
Deb Tanguay, Town Clerk

Public Present

Chris Roy, Reporter, Town Resident
Leo Piette, Town Resident
Dan Rondeau, Finance Committee
Isreal Sanville, Town Constable
Doreen Hill, Town Resident

1. Order

Ed Fournier called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm. Persons present introduced themselves.

2. Changes or Additions to the Agenda

None.

3. Allow for public comment

Town Resident Leo Piette presented questions in regards to the proposed new town garage. Leo asked if the Select Board fully supports the cost of a new town garage and the effects on revenue. Scott Morley explained that the Board has discussed it a number of times but the board has not stated a strong support of it or not. Scott also gave background information on how the new garage proposal started and has progressed. He noted that the Select Board and town officials have worked to present the town with substantial information in regards to the proposal. Leo discussed the expenses of a new garage and the building cost while asking the Board if they support the new building. Scott stated that it is ultimately up to the voters and discussed the current situation with the equipment and garages. Leo asked about a grant that the Town received for efficiency building upgrades. Ed Fournier explained that the planning is in process for efficiency upgrades to the Community Center and the Town Garage with the proposed new garage being taken into consideration. Leo asked where the driving force is coming from to build a new garage. Dan Webster explained that he thought the support from the Board was for the plan and presenting the right information to the residents and that good conversation would come from the presentation.

Scott explained that the driving force came from a Select Board decision several years ago and that the planning has progressed to the current state. Leo noted that information surrounding the two current garages is important in the planning also. Scott explained that this would all need to be assessed if a new garage was built. Scott discussed the financing and the other Town Meeting articles in regards to the proposal. He added that the Board has put in place a foundation to get the new garage done if the voters decide to do so. Leo thanked the Board. Kerry Keement explained that some grant work has already been completed at the Community Center. Ed and the Board thanked Leo for his time.

4. 89 Main St. Demolition Invoice

Ed presented the Board with the original bid for the State buyout program demolition of 89 Main St. He also presented the Board with an invoice from the demolition contractor requesting an increase in payment for extra work performed. Ed explained that he has informed the State and they are looking at the overall budget in regards to this request. Scott explained that this is funded by the State and the State could refuse to refund this amount, so it would be right to wait for the States decision. Scott explained they could pay the contractor the bid amount and then pay the additional amount if approved by the State. Dan noted that this could be a learning lesson when analyzing bid amounts. Dan noted that the contractor did a quality job. Kerry and Dan agreed to wait for a decision from the State. Dan made a motion to pay the approved contract amount to the contractor. Kerry made the second and the vote was unanimous.

5. AOT Mileage Certificate

Ed presented the Select Board with the yearly Agency of Transportation Mileage Certificate. Ed explained that this was discussed and questioned in the last meeting as to the accuracy of the totals. Ed explained the document has been verified correctly with the State and confirmed correct by Kerry and Melanie Rodjenski. Kerry made a motion to accept the certificate as presented. Dan made the second and the vote was unanimous.

6. Town Meeting Lunch

Ed presented the Board with information about a lunch for residents last year at Town Meeting. Ed explained that Deb Tanguay said the lunch went well last year. Deb Tanguay gave information about costs last year and plans for this year. Dan made a motion to allow one thousand dollars for a lunch for residents at Town Meeting. Kerry made the second and the vote was unanimous. The Board thanked Deb.

7. Town Highway Road Salt

Scott explained that he has talked to Road Foreman Nathan Standish in regards to road salt supply for the town and supply shortages. He stated Nathan has been managing the salt and is currently ok with quantity. Scott said Nathan thought it was important to let the Board know where he was at and how he was managing the situation to conserve while keeping the Board informed. Scott stated that the Road Crew was doing a great

job.

8. Other Business

Ed presented the Board with High Water mark examples for the proposed town High Water mark while also asking the Board for ideas of what to add to the sign. The Board thought it would be good to meet with the representatives when they came to town to assess the location. Dan said he would find the flood information marks for the sign. The Board thought the sign was a good idea for the town.

Ed noted the next planned Select Board meeting date was on a holiday. Kerry explained that they had discussed having the meeting the next day. Dan and Scott agreed and the meeting will be held Tuesday, February 17th.

Kerry gave an update on the informational software G0Gov. She said progress continues so the town can get this up and running.

Ed noted that he had thanked others in a prior meeting for their work with the town report. He thanked Melanie Rodjenski and the Board for their work on the town report.

Ed presented the Board with updates in regards to some mailed letters.

9. Approval of Minutes – 01/20/2026, 01/24/2026

Dan made a motion to accept the minutes for 01/20/2026. Kerry made the Second and the vote was unanimous. Dan made the motion to accept the minutes for 01/24/2026. Kerry made the second and the vote was unanimous.

Scott asked what the planned date is for when the town reports will be shipped. Ed said he would get this information for the Board.

10. Warrants

Deb Tanguay gave information regarding the warrants. Dan made the motion to accept the warrants. Kerry made the second and the vote was unanimous.

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:01 p.m.