

Minutes
Select Board Meeting
Town of Coventry
Saturday January 24, 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

Kerry Keement
Scott Morley
Dan Webster

Town Officials Present

Ed Fournier, Town Administrator
David Barlow, Treasurer
Deb Tanguay, Town Clerk

Public Present

Chris Roy, Reporter, Town Resident

1. Order

Ed Fournier called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. Persons present introduced themselves.

2. Changes or Additions to the Agenda

None.

3. Allow for public comment

None.

4. Town Warning

Ed Fournier presented the board with the Town Warning and gave noted information about the articles in the warning. In relation to the article about voting to move to a five-member board or stay at three, Ed presented copies of how each would look on the warning in regard to when the members would be voted on. Kerry Keement explained that the discussion for the article in terms of whether it passes is when to vote the new members in. Scott Morley and Kerry added background information about the article. Scott explained the information that the board has been given and that town lawyer Brian Monaghan has advised us to have an additional meeting after Town Meeting if the voters decide to choose the five-member board. Scott also mentioned that town accountant Melanie Rodjenski agreed. Scott thought it was best to listen to the advice of Brian and Melanie. He also mentioned some of the benefits of additional time for residents in relation to having a second meeting. The three board members decided it would be best to have a second meeting to vote on the additional members if the article passes to increase the board. The Select Board continued to go through the articles while Treasurer David Barlow confirmed the correct financial numbers. The Select Board discussed the timing of planning and voting on a new town garage. The Select Board decided it was best to ask voters to vote on the article of an amount for a new garage based on the

number from the planners. In addition, they thought if the garage was voted to continue, it would be best not to rush the process and have more time to seek out grants for the town. The Select Board reviewed the appropriations and the rest of the warning. Kerry made a motion to approve the warning for Coventry annual Town Meeting with one adjustment to be made as presented. Dan Webster made the second and the vote was unanimous.

5. Town Report Budget

The Select Board discussed the budget and explained that the right numbers from the budget are in the warning which has been approved.

6. Town Report

Ed presented the Board with the Town Report showing it on the projection screen. The Select Board thanked everyone for their work on the report. Kerry made a motion to approve the Town Report with authorization for noted adjustments to be made. Dan made the second and the vote was unanimous.

7. Truck Payment

Ed presented the board with a truck payment invoice. David discussed the funds for the invoice with the board. Kerry made a motion to approve the warrant for the body of the truck to take \$26,015.94 from the Roads Capital Equipment Fund towards the bill. Dan made the second and the vote was unanimous.

8. Other Business

Ed discussed a ton truck note from the last meeting and made sure the board was clear on everything that he discussed.

9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 11:36 a.m.