

**Minutes
Select Board Meeting
Town of Coventry
Monday September 21, 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
Matt Maxwell

Town Officials Present

Ed Fournier, Town Administrator
Deb Tanguay, Town Clerk
Isreal Sanville, Town Constable

Public Present

Chuck Newton, City of Newport Fire Department
Sue Bernier, Town Resident
Chris Roy, Newport Daily Express, Town Resident
Kathleen Ahearn

1. Order

Ed Fournier called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Persons present introduced themselves.

2. Changes or Additions to the Agenda

None.

3. Allow for public comment

Chuck Newton provided an update on Newport Fire Department activities, including a recent training on the Oasis valve and an upcoming multi-agency training event on Airport Road starting at 6pm the following day. The training will involve various fire departments conducting rescue and hose advancement exercises. When asked about recent calls in Coventry, Chuck indicated he would need to check the run list for specific details but confirmed they had responded to at least one call in the area recently. Ed Fournier thanked Chuck and the Fire Department for their help at the Fall Festival.

4. Edmunds Douglas Price Endowment Fund

Kathleen Ahearn provided an update on the Edmunds Douglas Price Endowment Fund, discussing the document put in place the prior year and reporting that nearly \$10,000 was spent, primarily on books and recently on sewing machines for the middle school's enrichment program. She also mentioned that Susan Price had passed away, but her family requested to be kept informed about the fund's activities. The Select Board thanked Kathleen for her work with the endowment fund.

5. Road Salt Quotes/Contract

Ed discussed quotes for the supply of road salt for the upcoming winter season. Matt Maxwell made a motion to accept the salt quote from Cargill. Kerry Keement made the second and the vote was unanimous. Matt M. made a motion to allow Ed F.

to sign the contract. Kerry K. made the second and the vote was unanimous.

6. Propane Supply – Town Buildings

Ed updated the Board on the propane supply for town buildings and MERP project steps that need to be complete for the propane connection completion. Deb Tanguay noted that a supply pad needs to be completed for the process to continue.

7. Road Crew – Ton Truck Update

Regarding a new ton truck for the road crew, Ed F. stated that Dan Webster recommended waiting another year based on current truck condition and usage, with input from Road Foreman Nathan Standish needed on specific requirements. The Select Board discussed usage and timing for a new ton truck and will revisit the subject at a later date.

8. Other Business

Sue Bernier raised concerns about speeding and safety on Pine Hill, specifically questioning the difference between roving and direct patrols by law enforcement. Town officials discussed getting speed limit signs for property owners on Pine Hill and potentially exploring speed bumps, with plans to follow up with Sue outside the meeting about installing signs on her property. Ed F. stated that he would gather information for Sue. The Select Board directed Ed F. to talk to the Sheriff's Department about the Pine Hill speeding concerns.

Ed F. gave an update about the proposed key system for the Community Center.

9. Approval of Minutes – 09/09/2026

Matt M. made a motion to approve the minutes of 09/09/2026. Kerry K. made the second and the vote was unanimous.

10. Warrants

Matt M. made a motion to approve the warrants. Kerry K. made the second and the vote was unanimous.

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 4:45 p.m.