

## Selectboard Minutes

January 25, 2021

Meeting held virtually through a video conference \*

Selectboard Present: Greg Meulemans (chair), Tom Tolbert, Paul Fraser, Andy Coyne and Jessica Pollack

Public Present: Joel Bluming, Galen Robinson (BCTV) and Greg Joly

Greg called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### *1. Call for any late additions to the agenda*

Fire Department

Update on Town Hall

Announcement from Neighborhood Connections about the COVID-19 vaccine

### *2. Approve the minutes from the Jan 11, Selectboard meeting*

Tom made a motion to approve the minutes from January 11th, seconded by Andy.

Under number 3, it should say "Erica would like to schedule a meeting to *propose*."

Greg made a motion to accept the minutes with the amendment, seconded by Tom. 4 in favor, 1 abstained.

### *3. Decision/ Set date for Town Meeting*

Paul would like to look at the first week of May for the date. If the budget did not pass, it would give us time to warn another meeting. If we choose to postpone until May, we could still decide to do an Australian Ballot. Having the meeting later also allows the board to work on the lister position. Discussion about having the meeting at night or on a Saturday.

Tom made a motion to move Town Meeting to Saturday, May 1st at 10:00 a.m. Seconded by Jessica. Green up Day is also that day.

Tom amended his motion to have the start time at 1:00 p.m. Seconded by Paul. Passed 4-1.

### *4. Discuss/ Articles for Town Meeting Warning*

The lister position is an elected position. To change this, the town charter needs to be changed.

Discussion on Town Plan being an article on the Warning. The Town Plan has its own hearing.

Greg Joly said this would come under other business and the townspeople could discuss it. The Selectboard will still have to adopt it.

### *5. Discuss/ FY22 proposed budget*

Terri has posted the revised, proposed budget.

### *6. Discuss/ Process to change town charter regarding Board of Listers*

Lou has resigned his position as the chair of the board of listers. Currently we do not have a quorum. The board can appoint someone at this time, if no residents are interested, then someone can be hired from out of town.

Paul suggested contacting NEMC to see if they can help. Jessica said we need to make sure we can legally do that.

Greg would like to contact previous listers to see if they would be interested. Paul would like to advertise the position.

Greg has a draft from the attorney on what would be put on the Warning.

#### *7. Discuss/ Update on Under the Mountain Road naming*

Tom and Greg met with representatives from Windham about renaming the road. The proposed solution was to have Under the Mountain Rd begin in Londonderry and continue into Jamaica. The proposal is to have Windham rename their section of the road. Jamaica will not have to do anything if this is what happens.

There is one address that may have to be changed because it is closer to the Windham part of the road. No action at this point.

#### *8. Discuss/ Gather final comments from Local Concerns meeting on Depot Street bridge*

Laura Stone put out a summary from the Local Concerns meeting, they have asked for any comments by the end of this week.

#### *9. Certify town highway mileage for VTRANS*

Lexa and Keith have confirmed that nothing has changed. Jessica asked if this agrees with the budget. The mileage has not changed so hopefully the funding will stay the same.

#### *9a. Fire Department*

People would help themselves if they made their house numbers visible from the road.

If you have a long driveway, it would be best if you could keep it sanded and plowed especially if emergency services are needed.

#### *9b. Town Hall*

Andy and Tom looked at the Town Hall, the trim needs to be painted amongst other things.

They are going to get some estimates.

#### *10. Review time sheets for town office, listers, highway and transfer station*

#### *11. Review pay orders*

#### *12. Other public concerns*

The state of Vermont has set up registration for residents 75 and over to get their COVID-19 vaccine. Neighborhood Connections has staff available to help people register for their appointment.

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Tom made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by Sara Wiswall