

## Selectboard Minutes October 11, 2021

Selectboard Present: Greg Meulemans (chair), Tom Tolbert, Andy Coyne (vice-chair), Kate Ullman, and Jessica Pollack

Public present: Paul Fraser and Ben Wheeler

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

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

No late additions.

### *2. Approve the minutes from the September 27th Selectboard meeting*

Tom made a motion to approve the minutes from September 27th, seconded by Andy. All in favor. Thank you Terri!

### *3. Update on DVfiber's progress*

Chris Robbins from the Planning Commission, joined with an update on the DVFiber. GWI (Great Works Internet) signed an agreement with them. The State has established the state community broadband committee. Their main function is to approve all CUV contracts, grants, etc.

They have a final draft of the master service agreement.

Negotiated the preconstruction, awaiting approval.

They received another grant, totaling \$250k they have received.

The state has put aside \$20 million from the ARPA money. They have put in for a grant for \$4.1 million. This will help with phase 1 and phase 2. They are hoping for approval by the end of the month.

They want to generate an email contact list, they are doing it now through the newsletter sign ups. This would help people know when the cable will be coming to their area.

They are working on a master mailing list, composed of the voter checklist, grand list and the state's 911 database.

They hope to hold an information meeting before construction starts in the town.

If all that fails, they will go door to door to make sure everyone has the opportunity to sign on.

He would like to add a broadband section to the town website, Tom will do this.

They estimate the whole project will cost \$30-35 million.

*4. Discussion on recent spike in COVID-19 cases in Jamaica*

As of August 15th, there were only 1 or less cases in Jamaica. As of the 6th of October, we had 29 cases.

We had a list of volunteers when the pandemic started. Neighborhood Connections has this list. Discussion on the Selectboard, discussing this topic, if it is appropriate.

*5. Update on town plan adoption process and dates*

The Planning Commission is working to update the town plan. Windham Regional has been working with them. They are updating the energy portion and updating some details on the flood zone. The hearing will be Monday, November 15th at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office. Copies of the draft will be posted on our website. If you have comments or questions, please reach out to any members of the Planning Commission or attend the public hearing. Early next year will be when the actual public hearing will be.

*6. Reminder of Info Meeting and Vote to authorize cannabis retailers and integrated licenses*

The informational meeting is this Thursday, October 14th at the Town Hall at 7 p.m. The vote will be Tuesday, October 19th at the town office from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. There are two articles on the ballot, one is to legalize cannabis sales and the other is to authorize integrated licenses.

*7. Public concerns*

Ben Wheeler feels there is no plan for flood control. He feels there should be a larger culvert on his road (Castle Hill). A driveway above his was paved and he feels that is part of the flooding problem. He would like a more proactive response to the flooding issues.

8. Review time sheets for town office, listers, highway and transfer station

9. Review pay orders

Tom made a motion to adjourn at 7:47 p.m.

Submitted Sara Wiswall