

MINUTES FOR SELECT BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, September 7, 2021

Attendees

Select Board: Jared Cadwell (Jared), Chuck Martel (Chuck), Michael Jordan (Mike),

Select Board Assistant: Patti Lewis (Patti)

Minutes Taker: Betsy Carter

Guests: Tony Italiano (MRVTV)

1. **Meeting called to order at 5pm.**
2. **Approve Select Board Minutes of August 24, 2021**
 - a. *Motion to approve meeting minutes from August 24, 2021 by Mike, seconded by Chuck; all in favor, none opposed. Minutes approved.*
3. **Road Foreman Update**
 - a. ST Paving to begin 9/20/21 on North Fayston Road, including Municipal Building Walkway
 - b. Road signage replacements - lead time for sign ordering is 1-3 weeks. Some new posts needed as well.
 - c. Possibility of adding traffic info signs on North Fayston up to Sharpshooters Road.
4. **North Fayston Road Traffic Update (Signage/Constable/Sheriff)**
 - a. Update from last meeting with discussions from the equine community.
 - b. Currently there are no funds budgeted in the year (2021) for any major expenses. If necessary, the town will allocate budgeting for 2022.
 - c. Vermac sign research: 2 options
 - i. Speed indication sign base cost \$9,695 additional features add up to \$13,265.
 - ii. Text sign base price \$16,290, additional features result \$19,820 (Rental option available for \$750/month)
 - d. Chuck's discussion with Josh Schwartz at MRV Planning District.
 - i. Aware of speeding issues at various places around the Valley (i.e. Common Road).
 - ii. Ways to address: Road design, signage and education, and enforcement.
 - iii. Recommendation from MRVPD is signage/education as other constraints impact availability of other options.
 - e. Jared feedback from Waitsfield and Warren on law enforcement presence.
 - i. Waitsfield spent \$24k annually for 12-16 hours weekly for coverage.
 - ii. Warren: \$30k/annually for 16-20 hours weekly for coverage.
 - iii. Constables are being trained to assist VSP as first responders but cannot ticket.
 - f. Prior elections were held in Fayston for hiring/not hiring sheriff for Town presence.
 - i. Jared: I believe the research in this area as indicated by Josh Schwarz is signage and education. I believe well placed signs would indicate the need to be alert and vigilant in these areas.
 - g. The avenue for action from the Town is a petition by the Town residents.
 - h. For Select Board action, the message is clear. Jared will coordinate with Stuart on appropriate signage for North Fayston Road (speed limit, information signage) and report back to Select Board.
5. **Ratify Candice Porter as Cemetery Commissioner**
 - a. *Motion to ratify Candice Porter as Cemetery Commissioner by Mike, seconded by Jared. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.*
6. **ARPA Funds Update**
 - a. In discussions with Patti and other towns, it's difficult for a small town like Fayston to apply the ARPA definitions and it's unclear how the funding can be spent. Jared is of the belief that we can qualify some of the culvert challenges as ARPA funding appropriate; the Town has still not received the specific definition of what qualifies.
 - b. Patti to add link to ARPA site on town website. Residents are encouraged to visit and review what applies for ARPA funding.
 - c. Funding decisions must be made by 2024 and projects complete by 2026.
 - d. \$129k received; Patti needs guidance on what to be done with those funds. Select Board recommends putting into a CD like the first disbursement.
 - e. Total ARPA funds to be received around \$383,090.
7. **Mad River Ridge Runners Snowmobile Club Agreement**

- a. Town allows the club to park its groomer at the town garage and plug into the garage. The club pays the Town \$50/month and -club has a “hold harmless” agreement in place with Fayston.
 - b. *Motion to move forward with the hold harmless agreement and accept \$50/month as payment for electricity used for groomer by Jared, seconded by Mike. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.*
- 8. Other Business:**
- a. Thank you letter to Zelda LaVanway read and signed by Select Board.
 - b. COVID protocol for future board meetings
 - i. Considering recent developments with the delta variant and what should the Select Board do for future meetings?
 - ii. No contact tracing has led back to meetings or the municipal building.
 - iii. People are welcome to wear masks as desired and unvaccinated are requested to do so
 - iv. Town office employees interfacing with public are masked.
 - v. Recommendation to continue with current protocol for meetings and municipal building employees (masks required for unvaccinated, optional for vaccinated). Agreement from Select Board to keep protocols as they are.
 - c. Discuss start time of Select Board meetings
 - i. Current start time is 5pm; Mike challenged with making 5pm due to work conflicts.
 - ii. Original time was 7; 6pm would provide allowance for full attendance.
 - iii. 6pm time works for Select Board members and assistant. 6pm start time will begin at the September 28 meeting.
 - d. Budget:
 - i. Taxes from Town residents are being paid timely- which has resulted in credits being made to residents after each State tax adjustment download.
- 9. Read Mail and Sign Warrant**
- a. Note: Waiting on check order to arrive to complete printing of the noted checks on the Warrant
 - b. Warrant signed and no mail.
- 10. *Motion to adjourn by Jared, seconded by Chuck. All in favor; meeting adjourned at 5:46pm.***

Respectfully submitted,
Betsy Carter

Approved: Jared Cadwell