

June 12, 2023

Select Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Select Board Members: Jay Marsh, Carlos Martin, Chris Mann

Town Clerk: Nancy LaRose

Shawn LaRose, Jeff Tilton

1. Adjustments or Changes to Agenda:
 - a. Jeff Tilton updated on Lamoille FiberNet CUD
2. Jeff discussed the progress of Lamoille FiberNet CUD. They are in the process of negotiating with an Internet Service Provider, Fidium. Fidium is part of the Consolidated Communications family. They are hoping the contract will be signed by the end of June. Our ARPA contribution will go toward the Waterville buildout. Phase 1 will be complete by December 2024, which would include all of Waterville.
3. Chris has heard of some concern with the curb at the Town Hall. The curb was installed by the State, using State specs, because Route 109 is a State highway. It was suggested that people make an effort to use the handicapped entrance on the sides of the ramp.
4. Reviewed and Approved Minutes of 05/15/2023 Select Board Meeting.
5. Approved Orders/Bills to be paid.

6:00 p.m.

Lucas Tilton, Lucy Rogers, Tom Pitre, Don Lynch, Scott Johnson and Robert Wright joined the meeting to discuss Town ARPA funds

- Jeff read the minutes from the 05/01/2023 ARPA meeting
 - Jeff gave an update on the Lamoille FiberNet CUD progress
 - Jeff suggested equipping a meeting place in Waterville for zoom meetings with a dedicated computer for selective meeting leaders
 - Chris met with Roger Marcoux, Lamoille County Sheriff, regarding increased police presence in town. He gave an example - Elmore hires the Sheriff's Department for 20 hours/week at a cost of \$17,000/year. Chris will ask Roger Marcoux to come to an upcoming Select Board meeting to further discuss this.
 - Lucy asked about our timeline process regarding priorities, function, long term goals and benefits and ultimately reaching a lot of townspeople. Committee agrees to continue discussing projects and reaching some decisions in a timely manner
 - Robert brought up the possibility of using some ARPA money to secure the WFD building and water tanks outside the building. He will get some quotes for fencing. Other suggestions were putting in cameras and/or motion lighting. There were comments regarding the use of this money reaching a small population that would benefit
 - Lucas suggested a solar array, heat pumps for the Town Clerk's Office and the Town Hall buildings. Jeff did mention the State was running a program now called Municipal Energy Resilience (MERP). This gives us access to an assessor doing free energy assessments. Jeff will talk to LCPC about this.
 - Select Board will gather ideas for the roads that need attention
 - Don suggested the 3 covered bridges in Town needing some work
- Next ARPA Committee meeting will be on Monday, July 24th at 6:00 pm

Motion made by Jay and seconded by Carlos to Adjourn.

Adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy LaRose, Town Clerk