

Aerospace Committee - Jan. 20, 2022, Meeting Minutes

Members: Alvin Grignon, Logan Alley, Rock Alley, Holli Finkle, Bill Nunan, Carrie Peabody
Alternates: Tonia Merchant, Irene Rogers

- Minutes from the last meeting on January 14, 2022 were approved as written by the Committee.
- Motion by the Committee to nominate Carrie Peabody as Committee Chair and Moderator to Rock Alley. Carrie will continue to serve as Committee Secretary. Al Grignon will remain as an integral member of the committee without ties to a post as he currently serves on the Planning Board. No conflict of interest, just a choice Al has made which the committee respects.
- Per Holli, Buddy Mills has decided to leave the Committee due to his wife's health. The Committee contact list has been updated. Please replace previous copies with the attached listing.
- The Article to request a Y/N vote on the Annual Town Meeting in March was re-presented to the Selectboard on January 19, 2022. The article was tabled by the Selectboard in order to confirm with legal counsel on whether the question had any legal implications. The Selectboard informed the Committee on January 20th that there was no issue with the question as worded and that the town is free of legal risk. The Question will be placed on the Annual Town Meeting agenda and put to vote at the Annual Town Meeting on March 14, 2022.

Question reads as follows: "Should commercial rocket launches (defined as rockets having 100 pounds or more of total mass [weight]) be allowed in Jonesport?"

The Selectboard did verify that the moratorium can be extended if the Committee requires an extension of the 6-month period in order to complete the Aerospace ordinance.

- Discussed Survey Press Release, Survey Instructions, and Survey questions. Finalized content. The final copy was reviewed by several Committee members over the weekend. The release was submitted to the Machias Valley News and the Countywide Press Sunday evening. Tonia has the final copy for printing/posting in preparation for Feb 1st-15th survey period. Holli will help Tonia with postings at the following locations: Town Of Jonesport Town Office, Jonesport Post Office, Moosabec Variety, Stewarts, Manafort's, and Moosabec Video. Postings will appear on Facebook. An email address has also been set up at the Jonesport Town Office for survey feedback and comments at: survey@townofjonesport.com.

The survey will be handled similarly to an absentee ballot process. Tonia will manage the process of survey dissemination and receipt. The survey will be made available to all Jonesport registered voters/interested parties. Each survey will be assigned a number which can be tied to registered voters and to log interested party survey responses.

- A process timeline/task list and a visual has been generated for the Committee by Carrie and Al. These docs outline the process timelines/tasks that we have set for ourselves through to the

completion of the ordinance. As tasks/timelines are met, we can see our progress and plan for the next task. I have attached these *working* documents for your reference. The timelines at this time are mostly known but some could change.

- Legal questions concerning bluShift have been tabled and will be referred to legal counsel later in the ordinance process.
- Bill Nunan took the action to communicate with Sasha Deri at bluShift to ensure he is aware of the March 10th deadline for scheduling a public info session/meeting to answer questions and concerns received from the public. BluShift will need to provide specific answers in writing. If you have input on this, please contact Bill. I have attached his most recent communication with BluShift's CEO Sasha Deri.

Our next two meetings were scheduled for January 27 and February 3. Now that the press release and the survey being announced this week, my suggestion is have our next meeting on February 10. Gives the Town Office time to collect survey feedback. We can meet that evening and look at what has been collected thus far. We can set up our methods to use for breaking it out and formulate some categories. Then on the 17th, we can finish up with final analysis and have results by February 18.

Please reply with your thoughts on the suggested meeting schedule.

Reserved meeting dates through March. All meetings are held @ 5:30 p.m. at the Jonesport Town Office.

~~Jan. 27, Feb. 3~~

Feb. 10, 17, 24

Mar. 3, 10