

## **Aerospace Committee Meeting Minutes – January 27, 2022**

Attendees: Rock Alley, Holli Finkle, Al Grignon, Bill Nunan, Carrie Peabody Logan (sick); no alternates available.

- Committee meeting minutes from January 20<sup>th</sup> were approved as written.
- The Committee lost another member (Buddy Mills). The Committee agreed that letter of interest applicants should be considered if we were to replace Buddy. The addition of a new member may not be productive at this late date in the process. The Committee agreed that it's two alternates Tonia/Irene have been effective in fulfilling the Committee's project needs and believe that the appointment of a new member is not necessary.
- The Survey Press Release was submitted to the newspapers on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and Survey's hit the street on January 24<sup>th</sup>. The cost for the Survey Ad in the MVNO was 114\$. Countywide Press did not charge for the release. MVNO viewed the Survey as an AD due to it's size and layout. The Town will cover the expense.
- Holli Finkle assisted Tonia/Irene with postings of the Press Release, sample survey and instructions at designated business locations in Jonesport. The release has also been published on Facebook and on the Town Website. Per Tonia, locals are already requesting surveys and a few surveys have already been submitted, well ahead of the Feb 1<sup>st</sup> schedule. A great sign! Survey collection will continue through February 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Next week, the Committee will begin chunking out and analyzing survey results received so far. The team will institute a process to categorize data into themes and log questions/comments and concerns. Bill Nunan volunteered to generate a methodology using an Excel spreadsheet to use while collecting and recording survey results. The Survey results will be categorized into themes. Questions will be summarized and listed similarly to the method used in the Comprehensive Plan and given to the public. Results of the Survey and questions will be posted on Facebook, on the Town website and in hardcopy.
- A petition is circulating in Jonesport regarding the Y/N vote planned for the Annual Town Meeting on Commercial Rockets. The petition is located at Main Street Auto. 55 signatures are needed and the petition will be complete by February 7<sup>th</sup>. Carrie will confer with Irene/Tonia about the current status of the petition. Al will confirm the process for ensuring that the article, as presented at the Selectboard Meeting on January 5<sup>th</sup> and again on January 19<sup>th</sup>, is included on the Town Meeting agenda.
- The Committee will collect survey results by February 15<sup>th</sup> and publish results data/questions/comments by February 18<sup>th</sup> on the Town Website. Survey results will be presented in a special town meeting held 20 days prior to the Annual Town Meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Meanwhile, BluShift will plan to schedule their own public information session to answer the public's questions/concerns

by March 10<sup>th</sup>. Bill will provide structured feedback to BluShift. BluShift understands that it is their responsibility is to answer the questions in a public format by March 10<sup>th</sup>. A Town Vote of Y/N for Commercial Rockets will be held at the Annual Town Meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 P.M.

- After the Annual Town Meeting, the Aerospace Committee will begin drafting the ordinance. The ordinance will reviewed by the Planning Board. The Committee will incorporate edits/changes and return to the Planning Board for a second review. The committee discussed the submission of iterations of the ordinance language for review/approval by the Planning Board as to eliminate issues from arising at the end of the process. The Planning Board forwards ordinance on to the Selectboard for review/approval. Additional changes/edits will be rendered by the Committee to finalize the ordinance. Final approval by the Planning Board and Selectboard required prior to the ordinance presentation to the town for final vote/approval.
- The committee talked about the Y/N question posed for the Annual Town Meeting. Due to it's tie with the Petition, we should not change it. Again, the question on the Article as posed in the legal petition is as follows:

*“Should commercial rocket launches (defined as rockets having 100 pounds or more of total mass [weight]) be allowed in Jonesport?”*

- The team talked about FAA regulations vs Commercial Rockets and using such regulations in the ordinance. Amateur rocket rules/regulations are available from the FAA website. Carrie will provide current information to the team on FAA Guidelines/Regulations.
- We talked a bit about infrastructure and the Town's ability to handle new industry in town. The road system, public utilities, septic, etc. Can we handle the influx of new industry and do we have the capacity to handle the amount of people that may come to town as a result? Carrie agreed to make a presentation on this issue to the Selectboard/Planning Board at some point in the future. This issue applies to the Town no matter what. Will people leave the area if we allow this influx to happen? How will these changes affect us in the future?
- **Actions:**
  - Al will update the project plan as tasks are completed by the team. See attached revised edition.
  - Bill will confirm when BluShift's public session for Q/A will be scheduled. Bill will confirm if BluShift will attend the Annual Town meeting March 14.
  - Bill will generate a survey data collection methodology and put together an Excel spreadsheet for the team to use to log survey results/questions/comments.
  - Al will check on protocol for the addition of the Y/N vote on the Town Meeting agenda. Does the Committee present the article to the

Selectboard at a future meeting again now that legal review has been done?

- Carrie will check with Tonia to see how many registered voters we have in town.
  - Petition deadline is February 7<sup>th</sup>, where do we stand at the moment, how many signatures do we have? Carrie to check with Irene/Tonia.
  - Carrie will provide FAA guidelines for Team re: Amateur Rocket regulations.
- Our next meeting is scheduled for February 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 5:30 at the Town Office.