

Aerospace Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 3rd, 2022

5:30 P.M. - Jonesport Town Office

Attendees: Logan Alley, Rock Alley, Holli Finkle, Tonia Merchant, Bill Nunan, Carrie Peabody & Irene Rogers

- January 27, 2022 meeting minutes were reviewed/approved as written.
- Al Grignon is traveling and will return to the committee next week.
- Tonia presented the survey process currently being used at the Town Office:
 - Registered voters (only) request a survey from the Town Office (phone, email, in person).
 - A number is assigned to the survey that corresponds with the registered voter.
 - The registered voter signs for the release and again upon return of the survey.
 - The survey is recorded and kept on file at the Town Office.

A feedback email address is available for input/comments from the community at large at survey@townofjonesport.com.

There are 960 registered voters in the Town of Jonesport. Not all are active.

- As of February 3rd, approximately 20 surveys have been returned. The Team will begin to review and compile survey data and record into Bill's spreadsheet in real-time next week. Members with computers (Tonia-Holli-Bill) will assist with data input. Excel will be the primary tool used for the spreadsheet.
- Process timelines and tasks were reviewed. Tonia commented to ask that those that are assigned tasks are left to complete them without interference as not to cause confusion as to whom is responsible for what. Also if someone has something to say, refrain from multiple emails to the committee as a group and bring concerns to the meetings for discussion together. Currently we are on track with milestones. Carrie will provide task updates/achievements through February 3rd to Al for updates to the master copy.
- A committee member expressed concern over CEO, Sasha Deri calling their cell phone recently. The member played the recorded message for the committee to witness. Mr. Deri inquired about what BS could do to secure a win-win with the fishing community. The member wanted it on record that the call was not returned. The member felt it inappropriate to respond given their involvement in the ordinance writing process. Town constituents in the audience voiced frustration with bluShift. They do not understand why the CEO is still pushing this when the community has been clear about not wanting rockets in Jonesport. They participated in a straw vote and a petition to say no rockets and yet bluShift is still here.
- Beals constituents in attendance wanted to know why they could not participate in the survey. Tonia explained that the ordinance process is for the Town of Jonesport. Beals recently filled vacancies in their selectboard and Jonesport has shared their moratorium language with Beals. Beals would have

to undergo the same process as Jonesport to protect their community. The Aerospace committee is here to serve the Town of Jonesport only in its writing of a commercial rocket launch ordinance.

- The public raised several points of concern and had many questions about the ordinance the committee's process. They also expressed frustration with recent bluShift press and activity:
 - bluShift flyer mass-mailing was upsetting, public doesn't understand why they are still here after being told no in a straw vote/petitions.
 - bluShift flyer has an ordinance process diagram with timelines.
 - Local newspaper reported a presentation by bluShift at a January 26 selectboard meeting. The article contained 6 ordinance suggestions from bluShift's CEO that were presented to the selectboard. Materials from the BluShift presentation were given to the committee for their awareness.
- The committee fielded questions from the public to understand all concerns, mediate the situation, and reinforce its role and plan for the writing of the ordinance. The committee underscored that the ordinance would address all commercial rockets and not just bluShift rockets. The committee stated that it is closely aligned with the community and that the survey would serve as the primary means for gathering input to drive the direction of the ordinance. The public understands that an article for a Y/N vote is slated for the Annual Town Meeting on March 14, 2022.
- Protocol for having the Y/N vote on rockets on the Town Meeting agenda was discussed. The committee understood on January 20th that the Y/N question had undergone legal review with the selectboard on January 19th and it was found that the question acceptable as written. The Committee's survey press release reinforced the committee's process and timelines for a vote in March. A petition to have a Y/N vote on commercial rocket launches has been signed by 74 registered voters and verified by the Town.
- Bill suggested that the committee write a letter to the Selectboard to reinforce our commitment to write an ordinance that serves the Town of Jonesport. A letter will be drafted by Carrie and presented to the committee for review/input prior to sending to the Selectboard.
- Carrie provided the committee with handouts for FAA regulations for Amateur Rockets as an FYI on current policy/guidelines.

Our future meetings will be held weekly on Thursday's at 5:30 PM at the Jonesport Town Office. Dependent upon the amount of survey work that we need to do, we may have to schedule an additional meeting or two. We will review the meeting schedule at the end of each session.

Future meeting schedule:

February 10, 17, 24

March 3, 10

The Annual Town meeting is planned for March 14th @ 3:30 PM.