

Aerospace Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 10th, 2022

5:30 P.M. - Jonesport Town Office

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

- February 3rd, 2022 meeting minutes were reviewed, amended to add Webmail tasks, and approved.
- Tonia provided a survey process update and to date 90+- surveys are out. Interested party feedback is being received on survey Webmail at survey@townofjonesport.com. The team discussed how survey feedback would be handled and agreed that any committee member may monitor the site. Tonia will provide login information to those that don't currently have access. Meanwhile Carrie, Holli, and Rock are monitoring incoming feedback. All feedback will remain in its existing location in digital format. Holli suggested that screen shots also be used. For members viewing feedback, a reply to thank the sender will be rendered acknowledging our receipt of the submission. Comments/input to the Webmail site will be reviewed by the team on February 17th.
 - We will begin our most important task of reviewing the Surveys on February 17th. The surveys will be compiled and recorded into Bill's Excel spreadsheet in real-time. The Town Office has at least two computers for use by the committee for data input. Members may also use the worksheet to input data on their own devices if running Excel. The team plans to push through all surveys received in one session but if needed, will schedule time on Friday 18th to finish up.
 - Al updated Project Plan timelines and tasks. The committee is on track with milestones. Any updates/changes will be made and Al will publish an updated document to the Team.
 - The petition containing 78 signatures from registered voters in Jonesport was presented to the Selectboard on February 9th. The board, amid some reluctance, approved of the addition of the question to the annual town meeting which will take place on March 14th which states:

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

- Bill's draft letter to the Selectboard highlighting the committee's work and need for a Y/N vote will change in context due to the petitions' acceptance by the Selectboard on February 9th. Bill will revise the letter on behalf of the committee to direct it to the Town of Jonesport and attach finalized survey results. This should help to clarify for the community the importance of the upcoming town vote on March 14th.
- Tonia shared a recent conversation with the committee that a voter expressed regarding the survey process. Tonia suggested that in lieu of being unable to physically come to the town office to submit it, that the survey be emailed to her.
- The committee discussed the process moving forward with regard to the results of the survey. Could be an easy one-page ordinance or may require several iterations with public hearings in between, taking months to complete the ordinance. The Annual Town Meeting on March 14, 2022 will be the defining factor with regard to the direction the ordinance process will take.
- Bill did not have an update on bluShift's plan for a public informational session by March 10, however bluShift is planning to hold a webinar, likely noted on the bluShift website.
- Carrie provided the committee with insight to a bill recently introduced to the Legislature on January 20th, 2022. The bill, LD 1923, is an act that would establish the 'Maine Space Corporation.' The bill was sponsored by a small group of legislators from the southern Maine area. The law was tabled on

February 8th. The committee agreed that this legislation, even if approved, would not affect or influence home law in Jonesport. A copy of the bill is attached for those interested in reading it.

After the survey review work is complete, we will review our meeting schedule and plan for the Annual Town Meeting in March.

The next Aerospace meeting will be Thursday, February 17th, 2022 @ 5:30 P.M. at the Town Office.