

## **Aerospace Committee Meeting MINUTES**

Thursday, March 3rd 2022

5:30 P.M. - Jonesport Town Office

Members: Logan Alley, Rock Alley, Holli Finkle, Bill Nunan, Carrie Peabody

(Al Grignon, Tonia Merchant, and Irene Rogers were not in attendance due to other obligations)

The minutes of February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 were reviewed/approved as written.

The team reviewed the Aerospace Project Plan and discussed priorities, tasks and timelines. Made changes/edits to tasks reflected in the attached updated project plan. Al will incorporate changes and send a revised edition to the committee later this week.

Discussed survey data and results with regard to its impact on the ordinance process. Survey results were published in the newspaper on March 2. The Town website has posted the AC Letter to the Town and the Survey presentation with results, charts and comments. Hardcopy postings were put up at local establishments in town.

Committee Round Table:

- LD1923 Maine Space Corp. Talked about the status of the bill in the legislature. If the bill were enacted would it have any affect upon an aerospace ordinance. General consensus is no. Home law rules. Team thought that possibly a legal review of the ordinance might be done at the PB level later if necessary.
- Rock had meetings at the legislative level and met with Paul LePage to discuss the future of the marine industry and the impact of federal regulations.
- bluShift has been conducting Zoom meetings to answer questions from the public. The committee is not aware of bluShift's plan for attendance at the Annual Town Meeting on March 14.
- Carrie discussed the team's being in position to write an ordinance right after the town vote. Has been looking through FAA regulations for amateur rockets as well as spaceports and other regulations concerning aerospace.
- Carrie mentioned Beals and an upcoming Moratorium vote on March 21. Beals is having a town meeting vote on 180 day moratorium to draft an aerospace ordinance. Jonesport is setting a precedent for other towns that may/may not want rockets in their area. Our ordinance process can be used as a boilerplate elsewhere.

- The team is excited about the upcoming Annual Town Meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup>. We will not be making any presentations on the survey results, nor will we have handouts or any survey information available. The town vote is up to the people. The committee will be present at the meeting for the official vote.
- Some concern was expressed about getting the word out about the Town vote. The survey information has been published through various media and the public has been informed as best as possible of the results. A letter to the Town was published that encourages town participation in the vote. The Annual Town Meeting is the most attended meeting so we hope to have a good turnout. And actually now that we had a little press from the BDN and Ch7, the Vote date/time has been well publicized.

Our next meeting will be held on March 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at the Town Office. Agenda will be published at a later date. Anyone having agenda items, please email.