

AEROSPACE MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 14TH, 2022

AEROSPACE MEETING AGENDA

Friday, January 14th, 2022

5:30 P.M.

Jonesport Town Office

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

Alternates: Tonia Merchant, Irene Rogers

1. Nominations were held and the following members appointed by the committee:
 - Meeting Moderator – Al Grignon (rotate post between other members)
 - Chairperson – Al Grignon
 - Zoom Moderator – Bill Nunan (will use his account to attend while traveling)
 - Committee Secretary – Carrie Peabody

1. Congratulations on the addition of Al Grignon to the team in place of Jane McMichen, who unfortunately had to leave the committee due to health/wellness reasons.

1. Agreed to meet as needed (1x week or skip week) once survey is published. Gather input then meet later to compile results. Remain scheduled through March and decide on frequency. Next scheduled meeting is Thursday, January 20th, 2022 at 5:30 P.M. at the Jonesport Town Office.

1. The committee had a wide variety of discussions, some including public attendees with questions that added value to survey disseminations and who should receive them, how to determine the validity of the returned survey, how to ensure that more than one survey is not submitted, and how to notify people of it. The committee will focus on the registered voter. Survey will be kept simple, 4 questions. Bill Nunan provided the committee with examples of a Survey Announcement to the Public that can be disseminated via newspaper, posted locally and placed on the website tickertapes. The attached draft documents also include Survey Instructions with a deadline for return, mailing address info, and committee member(s)/town email/phone contact. Please review the attachments as the goal will be to finalize at our meeting Thursday.
 - As noted, a submission from a townsperson was submitted to the committee, no name on the submission. Concerns raised in 2-pg. letter were received and will be added to collection of comments submitted and considered for review during ordinance process.

1. There was discussion over the removal of select minutes from the Selectboard meeting held on January 5th, 2022. The committee requested a specific Article to be voted on at Special Town Meeting, that reads: **“Should commercial rocket launches (defined as rockets having 100 pounds or more of total mass [weight]) be allowed in Jonesport?”**

The article as raised in the Jan 5 Selectboard meeting should be re-presented for consideration at the next meeting as our request was not acknowledged. The committee was under the impression that the request was agreed upon at the January 5th Selectboard meeting yet

the request was not in the press recorded minutes published by the MVNO on January 12th. The request for a vote was missing from the meeting minutes. Irene will check to ensure that our request is added to the next Selectboard meeting whereby a Y/N vote will be requested for a special town meeting, beginning at 6:00 p.m. that will not conflict with a ball game. I have attached Jane McMichen's original request to the board on January 5th, 2022 that was approved by a majority of committee members prior to the meeting. Irene will notify us when arranged to confirm the date/time. We should all be present for the re-request at the next Selectboard meeting. A survey process is in place and we expect to have results by Feb 15 setting things up for a Y/N vote at a special town meeting so that the warrant article can be placed on the Annual Town Meeting in March.

1. A list of legal questions will be sent to the committee that have been collected from a variety of sources within the community. Questions were collected from numerous public informational sessions as well as sent in via email from a variety of people from the Towns of Jonesport and Beals. Legal questions are attached as part of these minutes for discussion if necessary at a future committee meeting. Some of the legal questions may be best suited for the Town legal representative in conjunction with the Planning Board once an ordinance is in place?
2. Some roundtable discussion was raised about ensuring that the rocket ordinance writing process ties to current town ordinances in place to ensure continuity. Comprehensive plan, shoreland zoning and land use ordinances are currently under review. The Comprehensive Plan committee consists of the following individuals: Harry Fish, Lee Guptill, Paul Iossa, Penny Hershman, David Rier, Skip (Roland) Rogers, and John Church.
1. Priorities for moving forward:
 - Solidify request of agenda item on Selectboard meeting on X date to revisit Committee request for up/down Y/N vote Article at special town meeting. Ensure Article is recorded as requested if approved.
 - Post survey on town website and at 2 other public locations (Post Office, Town Office, Store?)
 - Finalize and run press release article in local newspaper re: committee, goals, survey and ordinance process – MVNO/Countywide
 - Publish committee contacts/methods for collection of data/feedback
 - Communicate process to blushift on website/links - suggest Jonesport site (link to aerospace committee page for current info/news)
 - Pull list of registered voters for mailing of survey, prepare/print/**disseminate by February 1st with a return by February 15th, 2022.**
 - Collect survey inputs and feedback and **share results with residents/community by February 18th, 2022.**
2. Some options:
 - Do we hold a special town meeting for Y/N vote once survey results are tabulated if determined that the community overwhelmingly has swayed one way or the other and rejects/approves rocket activity?

or

- Should we Invite blushift to respond to public questions from residents in writing at a public meeting after survey results are tabulated?

1. ***Article to hold official up/down vote on commercial rocket activity in Jonesport at Annual Town Meeting on March 14, 2022 at 3:30 P.M.***

1. Next Aerospace Committee meeting
**January 20th 5:30 P.M. @
Town of Jonesport Town office**