

**Savoy Select Board  
Meeting Minutes  
February 22, 2022**

Members Present: Keith Kupiec, Russell Clarke, Melanie Glynn

Public and other Board/Committee members: Allen Haskins, Justin Kaczowski, Andrew Provost, Salvatore Raciti, Julie Pavia, Brenda Smith, Paula Kingsbury Evans, Isiah Moune (sp), John Glynn, Lark Thwing, Brian Foucher

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 4:56pm.

**REVIEW/ACCEPTANCE OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:** 2/2/22 and 2/8/22 minutes reviewed and approved unanimously.

**SCHEDULED TOPICS:**

- Town Administrator: FY21 Efficiency and Regionalization Grant Application
  - o Grant changed in scope due to the change in commitment from Windsor.
  - o Savoy and possibly Washington to explore sharing a TA thru BRPC
  - o Savoy SB feels the residents should have a voice by placing the appropriation on the warrant.
  - o The grant will also explore other shared services.
- FHMS Phase 4 second Grant distribution sign off
  - o Brian Foucher from Wi-Valley explained how the requirements of the phase 4 part 2 were met. The payout is for equipment. Payments from performance have not been started.
  - o Performance requirements will be 95% at 12/2 with 75% at 25/3. This will come after final build out.
  - o Borden Mountain Article 97 was signed by the Governor.
  - o Extensive discussion as to what the next steps Savoy needs to take as the easement was taken by Savoy because FHMS is not incorporated. Counsel advises getting estimates for survey, appraisal, and purchase to place on the warrant at the ATM. Counsel advises against land swap as how would Savoy be reimbursed.
  - o Article 97 lists Savoy as being responsible for the costs noted and therefore if reimbursement will come from FHMS a paper trail needs to be had.
- NBSW Spring events
  - o Composting bins available for preorder and recycle day upcoming April 23 in Adams.
- MVP Grant Status
  - o W&S asked if we were interested in pursuing and action grant this round, starting mid March. This would accelerate the MVP grant process a bit. Surveys and flyers would need to go out sooner.
  - o Surveys and flyers will be mailed to all households, within the grant funding.
  - o W&S will submit the action grant on our behalf. Carrieanne from Mass EEA can assist until the grant is submitted.

- Discussion around the Chapel Road culvert and how funding was never secured. This could help.
- Highway update
  - Potential opening – not discussed.
  - Discussed following the personnel policy manual for personnel issues.
  - Auction of excess – not yet
  - List of vehicles the town has been paying excise tax was provided to Andrew and returned to Keith for review to see if insurance has been cancelled on vehicles no longer owned.
- Planning Board update
  - Cannabis by-law
    - John Glynn from the PB presented the draft cannabis by-law to the SB. Counsel has reviewed.
    - Public hearing will occur.
    - Planned to be on the warrant at the ATM requiring 2/3 vote.
    - 1 establishment – 1% of liquor licenses. Town will soon have no liquor licenses. Question about that impact to be explored.
    - Goal is to get by-law in place. In the future, put the question to the residents to see if commercial grow is desired in Savoy. The town would need to vote on prohibition because it was passed in 2016. This does in no way impact personal use or grow.
  - Consulting regulation will be adopted by the PB at their next meeting.
- Finance Committee update
  - Justin and Allen reported they are gathering information and have been discussing the process with other towns. Reminder given about deliberation outside public meeting.
- ConCom Update
  - EO dates for 523 Center Road have been missed. Working closely with DEP for direction.
- BOH Update
  - 523 Center Road – Order of correction mailed.
  - 51 Griffin Hill Road Status - Visit by Public Health Agent and Building Inspector. Report provided and waiting on next steps.
- ARPA Update – Melanie speaking with other towns to learn about final rule.

**CORRESPONDCE:**

- Harrington Road concern – Russ to follow up

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** not needed

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Brenda Smith questioned the cost of the town park building as she reviewed ATM documents. Cost was reported as \$50K, yet it appears \$80K was appropriated at ATMs. Where did the additional funds come from? There were grants and a “gift” willed to the town also. What about the mowers and such purchased by the town park? Town Park files were identified and follow up with Accountant/Treasurer needed.
- Joan Ziter from Cemetery commission stated the Tomb cemetery needed repairs. She has been unable to obtain quotes. She stated her son is a stone mason and could repair it.

Discussion around conflict of interest. If he discloses to the Town Clerk, there should not be an issue. Obtain a quote(s) and provide to finance to be place it on warrant.

- Joan also brought up questions regarding Sherman Cemetery. She stated inquires have been sent to the Board of Trustees as the town has no records of plot ownership.

Financial Warrants were signed in agreement.

**Meeting was adjourned at 6:01pm**

**Approved Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Keith Kupiec (chair) \_\_\_\_\_

Russell Clarke \_\_\_\_\_

Melanie Glynn \_\_\_\_\_

**Appendix A - Relevant documents:**

- Draft Cannabis By-law
- Updated Berkshire Regional Planning Commission's grant application for Shared Services through the Efficiency and Regionalization Grant Program.
- PB consulting regulation
- Town Excise tax vehicle list