



SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: December 3, 2018 at 6: 00p.m.

Location: Johnson Municipal Building

Present: Gordy Smith, Chair; Water Pomroy, Vice Chair; Bob Sweetser, Trustee (by phone); Scott Meyer, Trustee; Meredith Birkett, Village Manager

Call to order

Gordy Smith called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Proposed Changes/Additions to the agenda & Public Comment

There were no changes to the agenda and there was no public comment.

Review of Merger RFP Draft

The Trustees reviewed the most recent draft of the merger study RFP, which included several changes suggested by the Select Board, including more detail about stakeholders, new language in the “Comparisons” section, and the new “Scenarios” language. The Trustees agreed that there were no concerns about the stakeholders text, but agreed that changes were needed to the “Comparisons” and “Scenarios” language. For the “Comparisons” section, the Trustees felt that a community needed to have municipal utilities if it was going to be used as a comparison to Johnson. They suggested the last sentence of the “Comparisons” section could be rewritten as “Similar towns and villages are rural and have municipal utilities.” For the “Scenarios” section, Walter felt that recommendations were not part of the articles passed at Town Meeting or Village Meeting and therefore they should not be asked for in the RFP. The Trustees agreed that the “Scenarios” section should be rewritten as “Create a cost-benefit analysis of the following scenarios; full merger, partial merger, more sharing, less sharing, and stay the same.”

Adjourn

Walter made a motion to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. and Scott seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.