

Jamaica Selectboard Meeting

January 9, 2017 7:00pm

Minutes

Present-

Selectboard: Paul Fraser (chair), Andy Coyne, Lou Bruso, Judith Flower, Lexa Clark

Public: Joel Bluming, Rich Melanson (cameraman), Pam Tweedy (Recorder)

Paul Fraser called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Additions to the Agenda:

Judith Flower asked to discuss the plan for the bottles at the Transfer Station.

Veda Basset from the Planning Commission was present to discuss their planning grant.

Lou Bruso added two items: 1) Discuss the RFP for the current town garage 2) Executive session for a personnel issue.

Approve the minutes of the Dec 12th Selectboard meeting.

Paul Fraser asked that the word "Request" be added in the Fire Chief's presentation of their budget. The dollar amount presented was their requested amount from the town – the actual budget was higher.

MOTION: Lexa Clark moved to approve minutes from the December 12th Selectboard meeting as amended.

Second: Lou Bruso.

Motion passed.

Announce and discuss the openings for the town Listers and Planning Commission.

Paul Fraser announced that there are currently 2 open Lister positions and 1 open Planning Commission position.

Anyone interested should submit a letter of interest to the Town Office.

Planning Commission 'update'.

Veda Bassett, Planning Commission Chair, announced that the PC received full funding for the Municipal Planning Grant, which is \$8000, and they need the Chair of the Selectboard to sign the form accepting the grant. These funds will allow the PC to update the Town Plan. Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7pm at the Town Office if anyone is interested in participating or has suggestions. They will also be holding a public information meeting on February 6th.

Veda also mentioned there is one vacancy on the Planning Commission. A resident has shown interest and the Selectboard will follow-up with that person, but if anyone else is interested they may contact the Town Office.

MOTION: Lou Bruso moved to accept the Municipal Planning Grant and authorize Paul Fraser to sign the acceptance form.

Second: Judith Flower

Motion passed.

Jamaica Volunteer Fire and Rescue had a total of 149 calls for 2016. (129 for 2015). Paul reminded residents about the importance of having house numbers visible from the road.

Discussion of the plan for distribution of funds from empty bottles collected at transfer station.

Judith Flower distributed a plan for a new container at the Transfer Station for the collection of bottles and cans. This container will make it easier for the designated local organizations to collect the returnables. The quote from a local contractor is \$391.01 without labor. Judith asked that the town pay \$200 for the labor (\$100 to each builder).

MOTION: Judith moved to accept the plans, and pay \$200 for the labor and \$391 for the structure.

Second: Lou Bruso

There was further discussion about details of the design and location.

Andy Coyne stated that he feels the transfer station attendant should still receive the bottles and cans, and therefore does not approve of the plan.

Amended Motion: Judith moved that they build the bin for bottles and cans and the cost of materials and labor be no greater than \$600.

Second: Lou Bruso

Motion passed 3 yes to 1 no.

Discuss, and review for signing, the RESCUE Inc. contract for 2017-2018.

No change from last year.

MOTION: Lou Bruso moved to accept the Rescue Inc contract.

Second: Andy Coyne

Motion passed.

Recycling Update.

Lou Bruso clarified that recycling is not going away in July – it will be equal to or better than what we have now.

RFP for Old Town Garage.

Lou Bruso explained that the demolition of the old town garage should be put out to bid. The work will include taking down the old building, and also breaking up the cement pad and moving that material to the transfer station. Proposed start date for the new garage construction is April 15th, so the job will have to be completed by then.

MOTION: Lou Bruso moved that Terri or Pam put together an RFP to take down the old building.

Second: Andy Coyne

Motion passed.

Public Concerns.

None.

MOTION: Judith Flower moved to enter executive session for a town property issue.

Second: Lou Bruso

Entered executive session at 7:43pm.

Dissolved at 8:12pm.

MOTION: Lou Bruso moved to enter executive session for a personnel issue.

Second: Andy Coyne

Entered executive session at 8:13pm.

Dissolved at 8:40pm.

Lexa Clark moved to adjourn. Second by Andy Coyne. Meeting adjourned at 8:41pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Tweedy