

Jamaica Selectboard Meeting

May 22nd 2017

7:00pm, Jamaica Town Office

Minutes

Present-

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

Public: Steward Barker, Peter Gaskill (Triple T), Bob Spencer, Trevor Mance (TAM), Kevin Beatie (Londenderry Rescue), Pete Cobb (LURS), Marge Fish (LURS), Johnna Gould (SMR), Drew Hazelton, Cortland Wood, April Green (minutes), Rich Melanson from BCTV

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

Additions to the Agenda:

Paul Fraser added to approve some over weight permits.

Changes for the Minutes of the May 8th meeting.

Presentation by property owners about renaming a road is cancelled until the board is *contacted by the owners* with a definite date.

The board explains *that the Garage* is being built with a roof that can hold solar panels and that the board is also in the process of researching a solar plan.

Andy Coyne talked about spring being here people wanting to pick up the trash on the roads but warns citizens to be careful. If you find needles or anything dangerous do not pick them up and (*take out the*) to find the proper way of disposing things. *You can find information on proper disposal at the Town Clerk's Office, the VT Department of Health website or the transfer station.*

Joel Bluming added a discussion on the VLCT speaker coming to town *to discuss the open meeting laws and he also wanted to talk about road issues.*

Judy Flower *mentioned that* on May 22nd 2017 Windham Solid Waste Director *will make a presentation to the select board* to help us make a decision

Motion: Andy Coyne motioned to approve the changes to the minutes.

Second: Lexa Clark.

Motion passed.

Approve time sheets for: town office, listers, highway, and transfer station.

Paul Fraser states this will be done at the end of the session.

Sign Selectboard orders.

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Discuss a motion to amend the motion from the last Selectboard meeting regarding the pay for the Selectboard minute taker.

Paul explains that the board neglected to state when the pay increase for the minutes taker would start and the start date would begin on May 8th 2017.

Motion: Judy Flower motioned to approve the start date.

Second: Andy Coyne.

Motion passed.

Additions to the agenda.

The overweight permit papers were submitted by Miller Construction Inc. They have payment, liability insurance and list of all vehicles in order.

Motion: Judy Flower motioned to send the paper work to the road commissioner to approve.

Second: Andy Coyne

Motion passed.

Presentation by Bob Spencer from the WSWMD regarding the current situation and the changes coming on July 1st.

Judy Flower took a few minutes to introduce Bob Spencer from Windham Solid Waste. She also introduced Peter Gaskill from Triple T and Trevor Mance from TAM Inc. whom were the two companies that put bids in to the board for our town garbage and recycling removal. Judy Flower asked him to help the board try to understand the two RFQ's.

Bob Spencer started off by explaining that he is not here to make recommendation but to interpret the two RFQ's for the board and towns people. He explained due to his company retiring their 25 year old facility it has put a strain on many towns to try to find other facilities to remove their recyclables. Bob Spencer started to explain each proposal by breaking them down by how much everything will cost. He stated that TAM Inc. will cost \$225 per since haul or \$200 per double haul for Construction and Demolition removal as well as Garbage. As well as \$84 per ton charge.

Paul Fraser interjected and asked if it is \$200 per double haul does that mean it is \$400 because it is two containers. Bob Spencer replied with a confirmation that it would be \$400 for a double haul.

Judy Flower takes this moment to explain how often C&D and Garbage is hauled from our transfer station now, so that everyone could have an understanding of how much it would cost. C&D and Trash are removed about every 3 weeks, paper is removed about every 1.5 weeks and recyclables are removed on average every 2 weeks.

In Triple T's proposal the construction and demolition debris plus garbage would cost the town \$105 per ton and \$150 per haul.

Bob Spencer does a little bit of math to show the average cost per ton if 6 tons of debris was removed. With Triple T it would cost \$130 per ton and with Tam it would be \$121.50 per ton for a single haul or \$117 per ton for a double haul. He took this average and put it with the towns last year's total of C&D and Trash which was 264 tons and multiplied it by the two different companies it came to an estimated \$32,000 to \$34,000 a year. Trevor Mance from Tam came up with a more accurate average for each companies cost. It would \$30,888 per year for TAM and \$34,000 per year with Triple T. This was calculated with the towns total tons from last year.

Bob starts to explain about Triple T's organic waste disposal. Triple T would have the town hand out or sell different colored bags for the citizens to put their organic waste into and then they would just have to throw it into the trash compactor to dispose of it. There would be no extra dumpsters to have to deal with.

Trevor Mance asked if he could talk about TAM's organics programs. He explained that his company has a composting facility in Bennington. They use totes to hold the organic waste, which are like large garbage cans. The company would provide 4 totes. It would cost \$40 per weekly pick up in the summer, about \$160 a month, but it would be reduced in the winter when the waste does not have to be disposed of as often.

Bob Spencer moves on to the recycling costs. With TAM's single stream it will be \$200 per haul per box or \$292.50 for a single box. With Triple T it will cost \$150 per haul, \$40 per ton and a processing fee which is not fixed. It fluctuates according to the market. Single stream means that all recyclable go in one dumpster and you do not separate the paper products. TAM also offered a dual stream system which is with paper separate at a fix rate it would be \$25 per ton with a rebate of \$20 on the fibers, or with the floating rate the town would get a rebate according to the market. This is determined by what is called the yellow sheet and it comes from the pulp and paper index. TAM had one other option to bring a recyclable compactor which would be \$225 per month and the town would have to spend \$3000 on a concrete pad.

Bob Spencer offered to help Judy Flower make a table to summarize all the information.

Recess at 8:05pm to 8:10pm

Discussion about the changes coming to the Rescue Inc. coverage and how it affects our emergency coverage contract.

Motion: Andy Coyne motioned for the board to discuss the authorization of the \$14,373 that the town passed to consider hiring Rescue Inc. to cover the entire town of Jamaica.

Second: Judy Flower

There was a bit of confusion on what was being motioned, discussed and or voted on.

Stewart Barker from Rescue Inc. starts the discussions with explaining some of the pros of having Rescue Inc. cover all of Jamaica. They are closer and can get to most people sooner. There would be no confusion of where the coverage lines end and begin for each department.

Peter Cobb from LURS, Londenderry Rescue Services discussed his thoughts with the board. He was upset and shocked when he found out. He stated that one of the biggest concerns is going to be that Londenderry is a free ambulance service and Rescue Inc. is not. Once the people who need to take ambulance rides on a regular basis start to get a bill from Rescue Inc. they will be upset. Johnna Gould from Stratton Mountain Rescue tells how SMR backs up Londenderry and they could be expanding their hours.

Drew Hazelton praises Londenderry and explains the he has nothing but respect for them but it is the response time that is the main concern for some citizens. He mentioned that most positions at Rescue are paid positions and so they do bill their patients. There is always a person at the garage so there is always an ambulance ready to go 24/7.

Pete Cobb said that the first responders are the ones who go to take care of the patient while the ambulance is on its way to the emergency, so there is not much of a difference of when the patient care time starts.

Paul Fraser shared what some citizens perception is when they here calls come across the CB Radios. They think that the ambulance is sitting and waiting for a third person before it can go to the emergency.

Drew said rescue would have to follow protocol to bring a patient to the closets appropriate hospital for the situation. But londenderry would bring you to just about any hospital in the area with out cost.

Pete suggested to put the question back out to the public again so that every one is aware of the possible changes. Because there were only about 60 people at the town meeting in March and it does not represent all of the members of Jamaica.

Andy called the question to hire rescue inc and to vote on it tonight

Motion: Judy Flower motioned amend the first motion by motioning to hire Rescue Inc. to cover all of Jamaica.

Second: Andy Coyne

Judy Flower and Andy Coyne Yes

Paul Fraser and Lexa Clark No

Not Passed

Motion: Judy moved to send part of the tape to the town's lawyer.

Second: none

Not Passed

Adjourn

Motion: Andy Coyne moved to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Judy Flower

Meeting adjourned at 9:16pm