

Jamaica Selectboard Meeting

May 23, 2016 7:00pm

Minutes

Present:

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

Public: Joel Bluming, David Mink, Joel Katz, Julie Lowe, Lori Polhemus

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

Approve the minutes of the May 9th Selectboard meeting and the May 10th Informational meeting.

Corrections from May 9th Meeting minutes as follows:

-First page, 2nd to last paragraph, "and" needed between "public advised"

-Judith Flower submitted the following addition to be included under other business:

"Judith reported that people were generally accepting of the recent change in the recycling of plastics from 1-7 back to 1&2s. She also reported that she is exploring the use of prepay paper punch cards, which can be used when disposing electronics, refrigeration, and construction/household products. These cards would provide greater dollar denominations than what is available with tokens."

-Paul Fraser gave Fire report, not Lexa Clark.

MOTION: Lexa Clark moved to approve minutes as corrected.

Second: Andy Coyne

Motion passed.

Public Concerns

David Mink suggested the town create a position of caretaker for the Town Hall building, and expressed an interest in filling such a position. The Selectboard has not budgeted for this and will discuss doing so in the future.

Julie Lowe, Joel Katz and Joel Bluming requested clarification about the Highway Garage Re-vote process and discussion ensued.

Chair called ten minute recess at 7:20pm

Meeting reconvened at 7:30pm.

Discuss/approve RFP for the Castle Hill Rd. Bridge replacement.

Lou Bruso stated that the town received a grant from VTrans earlier than expected to replace the bridge on Castle Hill Rd because it is an emergency. VTrans will pay 80%, up to \$175,000. The replacement will be a design/build because that is the quickest method, with a road closure time of approximately 2 weeks. The biggest challenge will be what to do with traffic for that period of time. Discussion has begun with homeowners on Town Shed Rd regarding the creation of a temp road through their yards for residents of Castle Hill Rd. A plan will be established to deal with the transfer station during that time as well.

MOTION: Lou Bruso moved to ask the Treasurer to publish the RFP for the Castle Hill Rd Bridge replacement.

Second: Judith Flower

Motion passed.

Discuss the Town paying for mowing the school.

Paul Fraser explained that neither the Town nor the Jamaica Village School budgeted for the mowing of the school grounds for this year. Historically the town has paid.

MOTION: Judith Flower moved that the town pay for the mowing of the grounds of the school.

Second: Lou Bruso

Amendment: Lou Bruso amended the motion to insert that the mowing be added to the contract for cemetery mowing.

Amendment Second: Judith Flower

Amendment passed 3 to 1.

Motion passed 3 to 1.

Discuss/confirm purchase of new excavator

The town plans to purchase a wheeled excavator to replace the backhoe this year. They have chosen a Wacker Neuson which costs \$107,652.00 and will be purchased through Ambrose Equipment. A one month trial rental will cost \$2900.00, which goes towards the purchase price. The two financing options are 2 years at 0% interest or 3 years at 0.99% interest.

MOTION: Lou Bruso moved to purchase the Wacker Neuson four wheeled excavator for \$107,652.00

Second: Judith Flower

Motion passed.

MOTION: Lou Bruso moved that the town finance for 3 years with hope to get 0% interest but if not, 0.99% interest.

Second: Judith Flower

Motion passed 3 to 1.

Discuss the next steps in the process of replacing the Town Garage.

Lou Bruso described the process of applying for the bond to fund the new Town Garage. The town has the authority to bond for \$750,000, and can wait up to a year to do so. Although the garage construction will not begin until the spring of 2017, the rates for the bond are expected to go up after June of this year. The town can borrow the full amount asap, or borrow more like \$650,000 and take the remainder next year, or take out an anticipation loan and wait until next year to borrow the full amount. The decision needs to be made by June 13th, so the board will further discuss with the Treasurer and come to a decision by then.

TABLED: Discuss a Town policy regarding who is responsible for paying for injured dogs the Town Constable has to deal with.

Excess Weight Permits

MOTION: Andy Coyne moved to have the Highway Commissioner sign the excess weight permit with the usual restrictions.

Second: Judith Flower

Motion passed.

Lou Bruso moved to adjourn. Seconded by Judith Flower. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.