

Jamaica Selectboard Meeting

August 8, 2016 7:00pm

Minutes

Present:

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

Public: Andrew LeValley Joel Katz, Keith Hazard (Road Foreman)

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

Additions to the Agenda:

Judith Flower requested to add a proposal for a transfer station swap shot to the agenda.

Approve the minutes of the July 25th Selectboard meeting.

MOTION: Lou Bruso moved to approve minutes from the July 25th Selectboard meeting.

Second: Judith Flower

Motion passed.

Highway Report:

Road Foreman Keith Hazard reported that the crew has been ditching, scraping and performing equipment maintenance in the last few weeks.

Roadside mowing was scheduled to begin last week, but has been postponed a week or two awaiting a part. An announcement will be put up on the website when mowing begins.

35 mph signs for Goodaleville are on order and should arrive any day now. The Selectboard suggested a speed study be ordered from the Sheriff, and resident Andrew LeValley informed the Board that he plans to pursue a reduced speed limit.

Keith reported that a new resident has moved to a home on Old Cheney Rd where the town normally does not plow, so Ben Lowe's contract will need to be adjusted or we need to find someone locally who would be willing to plow that extra 400ft or so. Lou Bruso suggested that the Board may want to consider downgrading the road to a Class 4 from the current Class 3 status, as work would need to be done to keep it at Class 3 standards. As Road Commissioner, Lou Bruso will set up a hearing to discuss this further.

Keith asked the Selectboard what they suggest he do with the old 1 ton truck that is frozen in the yard. Lou Bruso authorized him to ask Hal Coleman if he would like to buy the plow/parts and find someone to take the truck.

Renew the discussion of a Town policy regarding how to pay for injured animals that come to the attention of the town Constable.

Selectboard members realized it would be best to have more info on what the current practices are for other towns and the Windham County Humane Society. Lou Bruso's wife will obtain more info, as she is a WCHS volunteer, and the topic was tabled.

Proposal for Transfer Station Swap Shop.

Judith Flower distributed a proposal for the establishment of a "swap shop" at the transfer station, which is a place for residents to leave items in good condition for others to reuse, all free of charge. This will require the purchase of a small building, prepping the site with gravel, running electric for lighting and outlets, and installing shelving. Funds for the project will be taken from the transfer station reserve fund which has \$32,000. The building will be purchased from Jamaica Cottage Shop and Judy provided

quotes for multiple designs. The Board requested some time to look over the proposal and options before making a decision. Discussion will resume in two weeks at the next meeting.

Any other business that comes before the board:

Andy Coyne was informed by a resident that the paint is peeling at the bottom of the Town Hall building. It will be looked at and funds can be used from the building maintenance fund if work is needed.

Paul Fraser announced that a very large 150 year old tree came down in the Rawsonville Cemetery. No stones were damaged and the company that cleaned it up also took down another large rotten tree that was threatening to fall.

MOTION: Lou Brusco moved that the board finds that general public knowledge will place the municipality or person involved at a substantial disadvantage if the matters are discussed in public.

Second: Judith Flower

Motion passed.

MOTION: Lou Brusco moved that the board enter executive session for a contractual issue.

Second: Judith Flower

Motion passed, board entered executive session at 8:10pm.

Board exited executive session at 9:00pm.

Lexa Clark moved to adjourn. Seconded by Judith Flower. Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.