

Jamaica Selectboard Meeting

August 22, 2016 7:00pm

Minutes

Present:

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

Public: Andrew LeValley Joel Katz, Rob Willis, Veda Bassett, David Mink, Joel Bluming, David Heisler, Nancy Santilli

Paul Fraser called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

Additions to the Agenda:

Paul Fraser added a letter from Alice Abraham after item number 10.

Approve the minutes of the August 8th and 17th Selectboard meetings.

MOTION: Lou Bruso moved to approve minutes from the August 8th Selectboard meeting.

Second: Judith Flower

In discussion of speed study, Andy Coyne requested the word 'suggested' be changed to 'discussed'.

Paul Fraser would like to inquire once more about the exact wording for the movement to go into executive session for contractual issues.

Motion passed.

Minutes from the 17th meeting where the Castle Hill bid was awarded were not yet provided.

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

In speaking with the Windham County Humane Society, Lou Bruso discovered that by state law the town is responsible for all loose animals. He also learned that if the town were to euthanize an animal, it could potentially result in a lawsuit. For these reasons, a policy needs to be established that clearly states what should be done with found animals. Rob Willis, town constable and dog warden, suggested the town choose a veterinarian to use if ever an injured animal is found, as the Humane Society does not accept hurt animals. Rob will contact a veterinarian to see if any kind of contract for service can be drawn up with the town, and Rob will also begin drafting the policy for found animals to bring back to the Selectboard.

Discussion also surrounded what happens to the fees received from dog licenses. Half of these fees go to the state and the rest, approx. \$1500/year, goes into town revenue to offset taxes. It was felt that it would be unnecessary to create a separate reserve fund for this money to use towards any potential vet/humane society bills.

Discuss the Municipal Planning Grant application and resolution.

Veda Bassett and David Mink of the Planning Commission explained that the next step in applying for the Municipal Planning Grant to update the Town Plan is to assign the roles of "Municipal Authorizing Official", a backup MAO, and an Administrator. It was decided that Veda Bassett will act as Administrator, Paul Fraser will be the MAO, and Lou Bruso will be the backup MAO.

MOTION: Lou Bruso moved to authorize the resolution for the Municipal Planning Grant

Second: Andy Coyne

Motion passed

Discuss options for placement of Transfer Station containers during the construction on Castle Hill Rd. Bridge.

Paul Fraser began discussion by announcing that the bid for the Castle Hill Bridge was awarded to Renaud.

Judith Flower stated that after the Fire Department stated they would not allow the transfer station dumpsters to be placed in their parking lot during construction, she approached the Masonic Lodge. Ray Ballentine gave the OK for the town to use the Masonic Lodge parking area for the approx. 3 weeks during construction. Triple T will drop 2 containers (one for trash and one for no sort recycling) on Friday afternoon and they will be available for residents Saturday – Monday. Lou Bruso brought up that residents will need to be notified that there will be no dumping of Demo and Bulky waste during that time, and the town will have to see if they can not accept the electronic recycling during that time as well.

Letter received from Alice Abraham.

Paul Fraser received a letter from Alice stating that Norma Drosky would like to take her place as Senior Solutions representative, but technically this position needs to be appointed by the Selectboard.

MOTION: Lexa Clark moved to appoint Norma Drosky to represent the town in Senior Solutions.

Second: Judith Flower

Motion passed.

Discuss Solar Opportunity letter.

Lou Bruso stated that a meeting regarding the opportunity for the town to participate in the Solar project at Winham Solid Waste will be held on September 6th. He will be attending as our representative and will also invite Treasurer Terri Garland. The decision to participate must be made by the end of November.

Consider granting overweight permit for Cardinal Logistics Management Corp.

The company needs to pay \$10 for the permit and the Selectboard is unsure what it is exactly the company hauls. Town Clerk will inquire and bring info to next meeting.

State Park Bridge.

Lou Bruso explained that the Army Corps of Engineers has been looking at the green bridge to the state park as a potential route for them to access the base of the Ball Mountain Dam, but they have found it has structural problems. The current 16000 lb limit is still ok, but overweight vehicles are not to be authorized. The bridge is currently in "Candidate Stage" with Vtrans, but there is no way of knowing when it will move up in priority. If the Army Corps needs to access with overweight vehicles there is talk of them building a temporary bridge or fording the river.

Time for public concerns:

Joel Katz asked for an update for an update on the Transfer Station Swap Shop.

MOTION: Judith Flower moves that we approve the purchase of the prefabricated building called "The Gable" to be used for the "Swap Shop" at the Transfer Station. The structure, built by The Jamaica Cottage Shop, is 10'x20' and costs \$5525.00 with delivery and set up charges costing \$399 for a total of \$5924.00. This is a sale price. The normal price is over \$7000.00. In addition, funds are needed to pay for gravel required for the site preparation, electrical wiring for lighting, materials for shelving, an identifying sign, and an ADA entrance ramp. The amount requested for this project should not exceed \$8000. The source of funding these improvements should come from the Transfer Station's Reserve Fund, which shows a current balance of \$32,374. A rebate of \$500 will be given by the manufacturer if we provide a photo of the structure in place showing staff members.

Second: Lou Bruso

Discussion: Paul Fraser brought up that the Procurement Policy states that for purchases of \$500-\$10,000, 3 competitive prices should be obtained, not necessarily by formal bid but at least written or oral. Judith Flower stated that she felt this was the best price and a local company that she feels the town should support. Hearty discussion ensued regarding what would be in the best interests of the municipality.

Judith Flower moved to call the question. Andy Coyne seconded. Motion to call the question passed 4 to 1.

Original motion passed 4 to 1.

Andrew LeValley thanked the town for the speed limit signs on Goodaleville Rd and asked that the town request a traffic study. Paul Fraser asked that Andrew get some kind of petition from other residents of the neighborhood to be sure this is something other people want. In the meantime, Lexa will find out how much the speed study will cost from the Sheriff.

Nancy Santilli asked about the section of Water St that the town acquired after Irene. Paul said because of restrictions the plan was to let the land go back to forest, but if anyone has any ideas that would fit into the restrictions; they can bring it to the board.

Any other business that comes before the board:

Judith Flower received a phone call from Ben Williams, Second Constable, regarding ATV traffic on town roads and trails and excessive speeding on Turkey Mtn Rd. Lou Bruso clarified that they are allowed on town trails, but not on Class 1-3 roads. Lexa Clark offered to contact the Sheriff and have them patrol Turkey Mtn more on Saturdays, which is when Judy stated the traffic and speeding are the worst.

MOTION: Judith Flower moved that the board enter executive session for a personnel issue.

Second: Lou Bruso

Motion passed, board entered executive session at 8:43pm.

Board adjourned executive session at 8:58pm.

MOTION: Judith Flower moved to dismiss Linda Sheehan from employment with the Town for reasons presented to the Selectboard.

Second: Lou Bruso

Motion passed

Lou Bruso moved to adjourn. Seconded by Andy Coyne. Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Tweedy