

## **Jamaica Selectboard Meeting**

October 24, 2016 6:30pm

Minutes

Present-

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

Public: Dan Cummins

Paul Fraser called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

Board entered executive session at 6:34pm for a personnel issue.

Executive session dissolved at 7:12pm.

Public meeting resumed at 7:15pm.

### **Additions to the Agenda:**

Judith Flower would like to add the signing of a thank you to the Masonic Lodge.

Lexa Clark would like to add a dog issue.

### **Approve the minutes of the Sept 26<sup>th</sup> and October 17<sup>th</sup> Selectboard meetings**

*MOTION: Andy Coyne moved to approve minutes from the October 17<sup>th</sup> Selectboard meeting.*

*Second: Lexa Clark*

Lou Bruso brought up that the second executive session did not happen – there was no need. So strike the line that states “Board entered executive session to discuss a contract at 8:10pm,” and instead state “Discussion was held regarding the two WSWMD budgets.”

*MOTION: Andy Coyne moved to approve minutes from the October 17<sup>th</sup> as corrected.*

*Second: Lexa Clark*

*Motion passed.*

*MOTION: Lou Bruso moved to approve minutes from the Sept 26<sup>th</sup> Selectboard meeting.*

*Second: Lexa Clark*

*Motion passed.*

### **Briefing on the New Statewide Property Mapping Program**

Pam Tweedy explained that VTrans would be providing money to towns through VCGI (Vermont Center for Geographic Information) for mapping updates. VTrans would like to see all municipalities up to the same standards with their digital parcel data, and will pay for this to happen. As Jamaica already has digital maps we will just be receiving an update.

### **Briefing on the Leland and Gray towns’ Act 46 Committee**

Pam Tweedy, Patti Dickson, and Drew Hazelton are Jamaica’s representatives on L&G Towns Act 46 Study Committee, which has been charged with drafting a plan for a new district comprised of the 5 towns in the union: Jamaica, Townshend, Windham, Newfane and Brookline. At this point there is no talk of closing any schools, just consolidating boards to have one budget and one school board governing all 4 elementary schools and L&G. The public is encouraged to attend meetings and participate in the process. The next meeting will be held on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm in the Leland and Gray library.

### **Consider for approval the corrections to the Grand List**

Item was tabled until the next meeting so a Lister can be present to explain the reasons for the changes.

### **Letter regarding the Rybolt matter**

The Selectboard received a letter from Attorney Agostini requesting a change in wording in a tax abatement document from 2011. The Rybolt’s septic system was “destroyed” during Irene and they therefore requested and received tax abatement for that year. They have since told their attorney and the town that the septic was replaced by the state;

however there are no permits filed for such a project. Lexa Clark stated she believes it is up to the attorney to do the research to find out whether or not there actually is a new septic in place, and the Selectboard took no action.

#### **Irving Energy over weight permit request**

Lou Bruso explained that Irving would like to drive their trucks weighing 40,000lbs to deliver heating fuel over two wood deck bridges on West Jamaica Rd that are posted as having a 16,000lb limit. Luckily, when a project was being done on Pikes Falls Rd two years ago, the bridges on West Jamaica were “beefed up” with special baffles to accommodate the extra traffic; so they can in fact handle 40,000lbs. Paul Fraser asked if the board is setting a precedent by allowing Irving’s trucks to go over these bridges, and Lou emphasized that anyone over the posted limit must come to the Selectboard for permission first.

*MOTION: Lexa Clark moved to approve the Irving overweight permit with the specifics described by the Road Commissioner.*

*Second: Judith Flower*

*Motion Passed.*

#### **Update on the changes at the Transfer Station situation**

Judith Flower reported that the swap shop had arrived, the ramp is being built, and electricity is being connected. Dr. Flower is preparing a hand-out explaining what will and will not be acceptable for the swap shop.

#### **Announce the offer of the transfer station attendant position to the selected individual**

The Selectboard decided to offer the Transfer Station job to Roger Bruso.

#### **Signing of a ‘thank you’ to the Masonic Lodge**

Judith Flower prepared and circulated a thank you to Masonic Lodge for their generosity in accommodating the temporary transfer station on their location.

#### **Dog issue**

Lexa Clark reported that a dog living at the house in front of the Town Office was off leash and growled at her, and she would like Rob Willis to be called. Pam Tweedy volunteered to call him in the AM.

#### **Time for public concerns: Communication from a resident regarding the parking situation at the Post Office**

The Board discussed any possible options for dealing with people parking up on the sidewalk on either side of the post office, which is illegal and dangerous. The sheriff will be informed of the situation. A neighbor volunteered to have a ‘No Parking’ sign placed in her garden, but that would be in the state right of way and may not be allowed. Any suggestions from the public are welcome.

*Lexa Clark moved to adjourn. Second by Lou Bruso. Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pamela Tweedy