

**Jamaica Selectboard Meeting**

**June 12 2017**

**7:00pm, Jamaica Town Office**

**Minutes**

**Present-**

Selectboard: Paul Fraser (chair), Andy Coyne, Lexa Clark, Joel Bluming

Public: Veda Bassett ( Planning Commission), Jeanine Stone, Bob Stone, Rebecca Ohm, Matt Coleman, Keith Hazard ( Road Foreman), Karen Ameden, Joel Katz, Drew Hazelton, April Green (minutes), Rich Melanson from BCTV

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

**Additions to the Agenda:**

Keith Hazard asked the board to add a discussion on Act 64 program.

Andy Coyne asked to add a decision on an offer from Windham Solid Waste to buy a container for organic waste for the transfer station.

Joel Bluming asked to add a discussion on Rescue Inc. contract extension, which was denied by Paul Fraser. He also asked to discuss the speaker coming from VCLT, regarding the open meeting law.

**Approve the minutes of the May 22<sup>nd</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup> and June 3<sup>rd</sup> Selectboard meetings.**

May 22<sup>nd</sup> changes:

Andy Coyne's motion should have been stated as, I make the motion to add the 14,373 for Rescue Inc. to cover the full town of Jamaica.

On page four, Stewart Barker is the town's representative to Rescue Inc. he is not actually from Rescue Inc.

On page four, Paul Fraser shared what some citizen's perception is when they hear a call come across the CB Radios. CB Radios needs to be changed to scanners.

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

Second: Lexa Clark.

No other votes

Motion not passed.

June 1<sup>st</sup> no changes.

Motion: Andy Coyne motioned to accept the minutes for the June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Second: Lexa Clark.

Joel Bluming abstained.

Motion not passed.

June 3<sup>rd</sup> no changes.

Motion: Andy Coyne motioned to approve the minutes for the June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

Second: Lexa Clark.

Paul Fraser voted yes.

Joel Bluming abstained.

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.**

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

**Brief explanation of last meetings motion sequence.**

Paul Fraser explained that at the last meeting there was a lot of confusion about what was being voted on. Paul Gillis the town's lawyer helped Andy Coyne and Paul Fraser understand what went wrong. Paul explained to the public that there was an issue with quorum, which means the board needs 3 affirmative votes to get any motion to pass.

Andy Coyne quotes legal statute from the Handbook for Vermont Selectboards.

Joel Bluming mentioned according to Roberts rules you need a 2/3 vote to call the question.

Andy Coyne made a statement that the minutes that were just voted on did not pass also because of the law needing 3 votes.

**Additions to the agenda.**

Keith Hazard started by talking about Act 64, the Vermont Water Quality Law, which affects culverts and trenches going to streams. With this new law the culvert lay out will change completely by 2021. Erica ? does the culvert surveys.

Lexa Clark reads a letter of intent to participate in a grant pilot project to help pay for new culverts.

Joel Bluming explained that he was in a transportation meeting with Erica ? and she said that she would be willing to meet with the board to help them decide how to apply this program.

Motion: Andy Coyne motioned to sign the letter of intent to participate in the volunteer RECDEC municipal roads, grants and aids volunteer pilot program.

Second: Joel Bluming.

Lexa Clark: yes.

Motion passed.

Keith Hazard asked the board what the plan is for the bridge on Depot Rd, if paving it is a possibility. Keith Hazard spoke to Bruce O'brien about paving it I would be around \$5000 to do the job.

Motion: Lexa Clark motioned to hire O'brien Paving to fix the bridge and work with Keith Hazard.

Second: Joel Bluming

Andy Coyne: yes.

Motion passed.

Motion: Lexa Clark motioned to amend the previous motion by putting a \$5000 cap on the project.

Second: Joel Bluming.

Andy Coyne: yes.

Motion passed.

Motion: Paul Fraser motioned to hire O'brien Paving to fix the bridge on Depot Rd and work with Keith Hazard, with a \$5000 cap on the project.

Second: None

Joel Bluming, Lexa Clark and Andy Coyne vote yes

Motion Passed

Keith Hazard brought up the snow removal issues that the town has in the winter. The machine breaks and then they have someone shoveling it all winter. He would like the board to look into ideas of any kind to help this problem. Keith Hazard is looking into contractors to do the road side mowing, but asked the board if they think renting equipment and hiring someone one day a week or three days a week in the summer. He needs the board to come up with a policy that he has to follow if a citizen asks the town to fix their driveway culvert. A culvert could cost up to \$300.

**Planning Commission's presentation on the updates to the Economic Development section in the Town Plan.**

Veda Basset wanted some input or comments from the board on the changes the committee has made within this section of the Town Plan. She said that page 5 and 6 will be expanded upon. Joel Bluming comments that he would like to see more public transportation in the area and suggests that she talk to Moovers and the Current Transit companies. Veda Basset agreed to add bus transit information in the plan.

**Discuss the possibility of inviting WRC to make a presentation regarding possible municipal water supply options.**

Joel Bluming would like to invite Aaron Perrez from Vermont Rural Water Association to come talk to the board about what options the town has in regards to a public water supply. Bob Stone asked how if the town would need an engineering permit prior and how much engineering costs would be. Joel Bluming mentioned a woman named Jessica Rizzio from Beck that would also be able to discuss with the board how to make a plan. She is an engineer. Joel Bluming will contact Aaron Perrez to come talk with the board.

**Letter from SeVEDS requesting a letter of support for their efforts to obtain funding for their work toward a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.**

Lexa Clark suggested that they have someone come and talk to the board before they write a letter supporting them. Joel Bluming will contact Susan McMahn.

**Additions to the Agenda.**

Waste Management

Andy Coyne went to Windham Solid Waste as Judy Flowers second in command. During this meeting he found out about grant money that can buy an organic waste dumpster. There will be a presentation to explain how businesses and people will have to dispose of their organic waste. Andy Coyne put forth the question do we want to pay for this dumpster for a reduced amount or wait for TAM to get organic waste containers. Andy Coyne also brought up compostable bags that people can use in their personal homes. June 27<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Town Office Building is then the presentation on compostable waste will be. Matt Coleman made a good point to the board about the organic waste bin. He asked the board if they knew if TAM would be able to remove this bin and they did not know. So instead of making a decision on the matter that evening Andy Coyne was left with the responsibility to call TAM to get more information on the dumpsters and to make the final decision because the cost will be under \$250 it does not need a motion.

VCLT open meeting law speaker.

Motion: Joel Bluming motioned to have the Jamaica Selectboard sponsor and pay for a course in the open meeting law given by VCLT in our town at a cost of \$415, in order to clarify the issues and to inform Jamaica's citizens so that they may be more encouraged to participate in town governance.

Second: Andy Coyne.

Andy explained to the public that the open meeting law information is in front of all the board members and that they are not hiding anything from the citizens. Joel Bluming stated that there is another town that would participate which would cut the cost in half and that he has had many citizens ask him about the laws.

Joel Bluming: yes.

Paul Fraser, Andy Coyne, Lexa Clark: No.

Motion does not pass.

### **Public Concerns.**

Paul Fraser took a moment at this point to read an invitation that the 6<sup>th</sup> graders wrote to the board asking them to come to their graduation on June 20<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 6pm. There will also be an after party at the Jamaica Village School which everyone is invited to also.

Matt Coleman asked a question about Rescue Inc., How if something was voted on at town meeting and the board not allow it to go through? Paul Fraser explained that the board cannot change a contract on the floor at town meeting without it being warned to all the citizens previously. What was warned that day was the budget, so what passed was a budget item. Matt Coleman suggested that there should be a public meeting for the town to have their input heard or even another public vote. Andy Coyne's believed that there are members of the board that are against Rescue Inc. taking over all of Jamaica. He states that he has about 14 people documented who are for it. He resents that the Londenderry representative stated that he refuses to give up that territory.

Lexa Clark would like a public information meeting. Paul Fraser would like to make the June 26<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Town Hall building so that more people can come if they would like to. The meeting will be warned properly and advertised to let the public know when and where it is and so they can have the chance to give their input and ask their questions.

Drew Hazelton argued that the board cannot go into executive session to vote on the Rescue Inc. contract because the contract is an already existing contract and only new contracts according to the open meeting law can be voted on in executive session. Joel Bluming was upset that the Rescue Inc. vote could not be voted on at the end of the next board meeting. Drew Hazelton reads the open meeting law word for word out of the book for executive session. There was some confusion on when the amended contract would start or if it would be a new contract. Paul Fraser decided that the next board meeting would be at the Town Hall at the regular day and time. Rebecca Ohm asked Drew Hazelton if the formula of the new contract will be the same as the old. Drew Hazelton answered with

yes and the formula is done by taking per capita of citizens so the contract does is not negotiated by a back and forth process.

Jamaica Old Home Day

Karen Ameden wanted to give the board information about the schedule of events. Jamaica Old Home Day will be on Saturday July 22<sup>nd</sup> between 8 am and 2 pm. There will be a fun run at 8am at Jamaica State Park, at 11 am the parade will start and the chicken bbq will start at noon.

**Adjourn**

Motion: Joel Bluming moved to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Lexa Clark

All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm