

Jamaica Selectboard Meeting

December 12, 2016 7:00pm

Minutes

Present-

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

Public: Joel Katz, Rich Melanson (cameraman), Pam Tweedy (Recorder)

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

Additions to the Agenda:

Lou Bruso would like to add an update on the WSWMD budget.

Paul Fraser received a letter of resignation.

Approve the minutes of the Nov 14th, 28th and Dec 5th Selectboard meetings.

Dec 5th: Paul Fraser stated it should have been called a "special" meeting, and John Rapuano's name was incorrectly spelled.

MOTION: Andy Coyne moved to approve minutes from the December 5th Selectboard meeting as amended.

Second: Lou Bruso.

Motion passed.

MOTION: Andy Coyne moved to approve minutes from the November 28th Selectboard meeting.

Second: Lexa Clark.

Motion passed.

MOTION: Lexa Clark moved to approve minutes from the November 14th Selectboard meeting.

Second: Lou Bruso.

Motion passed.

Presentation by Fire Chief regarding funding request.

Fire Chief Dana West informed the Board that the Jamaica Volunteer Fire Department's budget for the next year will be \$99,991.00, which is up about 3.8% from last year. He explained some of the reasons for the increase, such as building maintenance and efficiency updates, trainings, and need for turnout/other gear. The Dept has had 136 calls this year to date, which is their highest number ever. They have 22 members and are always looking for more volunteers. Paul Fraser stated that the Fire Dept budget will go into the Town budget presented at Town Meeting for the voters to approve.

Discuss the bids received for repair of the Town Office roof.

Paul Fraser contacted five roofers regarding a leaking section of the roof on the Town Office building (the one slate side facing route 30). He received bids from two contractors, both with a separate quote for slate or asphalt (and one quote for a standing seam metal roof). Asphalt was cheaper with both contractors. The final consensus of the Board was to go with asphalt to match the rest of the building, and to go with the less expensive bid.

MOTION: Lou Bruso moved to hire Asa Goodband to do an asphalt roof.

Second: Judith Flower

Motion passed.

Review report from the legal review and discuss participation in the WSWMD Solar Project.

Lou Bruso reported that there was another glitch with the contract, so this topic was once again tabled.

Discussion of the plan for distribution of funds from empty bottles collected at transfer station.

Judith Flower explained that as of Sept 1, 2016, any returnable bottles received at the transfer station would no longer be kept by the attendant and would instead be offered to various groups in town, such as the rec committee, school club, etc. Around the same time as the policy change, the bridge on Castle Hill Rd was replaced, the town hired a new

Transfer Station Attendant, and the Swap Shop got up and running. Judith did not have time to organize the returnable bottle program, so she said Jamaica School could have the bottles for 4-5 months since Greg Sochin was willing to do the work to take them. Now that things have settled, the town will go back to its original plan of allowing other organizations to take turns cashing in the returnables. Andy Coyne said he thinks it's a hard task to keep the bottles/cans sorted and therefore the attendant should be allowed to keep them. Lexa suggested a clearly marked container for the group and another for the attendant and people can choose. Judith will begin contacting potential groups soon to see if they're interested. The group would collect for approx. 4 months out of the year and would be responsible for taking the bottles from the transfer station to the redemption center.

Public Concerns.

Joel Katz provided a perfect segue into Lou Bruso's discussion of the WSWMD budget by inquiring about the changes in plastic recycling...

WSWMD Budget update.

Lou Bruso reported that due to the Town of Brattleboro switching to single stream recycling, the WSWMD will no longer provide recycling services as of July 1, 2017. The Town of Jamaica will pay less to the District, but will have to buy its own recycling. Judith Flower will be preparing an RFP, and the town will most likely end up with a single stream service which will allow us to go back to recycling all plastic #s 1-7.

Letter of Resignation.

Paul Fraser received a letter of resignation from David Mink from the Planning Commission. The Board accepted his resignation with thanks for his service.

Lexa Clark moved to adjourn. Second by Lou Bruso. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Tweedy