

JAMAICA SELECTBOARD
MONDAY, JULY 24, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.
AT THE JAMAICA TOWN OFFICE MEETING ROOM
MINUTES

Selectboard members present: Paul Fraser (Chair), Andy Coyne, Judith Flower, Joel Bluming
Others present: Dana West, Joel Katz, Allen Monroe, Karen Ameden, Rebecca Ohm, Greg Meulemans, Veda Bassett, Chrissy Haskins

Paul Fraser called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

1. Call for any late additions to the agenda.
Addition of “with possibility of a vote” after agenda items number 12 & 13.
2. Approve the minutes of the July 10th Selectboard meeting.
Item tabled as minute taker was not present.
3. Approve time sheets for: town office, listers, highway, and transfer station.
Completed after meeting.
4. Sign Selectboard orders.
Completed after meeting.
5. Report from Town Attorney that our current charter addresses conflict of interest adequately, and, therefore there is no need for a new policy.
Report discussed.
6. Planning Commission Regarding the Water and Wastewater section of the Town Plan.
Veda Bassett, chair of the Planning Commission, said they suggest a study be done on the possibility of a municipal water system. Discussion followed regarding how they might proceed with a water study in the future.
7. Fire Dept. regarding the implementation of the changes to our Town ambulance coverage.
Fire Chief Dana West reported that implementation of Rescue Inc ambulance service run cards is complete. He noted that Rescue Inc needs to address Hamilton Falls rescue situations.
8. Approve roadside mowing contract.
Two bids were received for roadside mowing.
Motion: Andy Coyne moved to hire Jake Beattie to do the roadside mowing.
Second: Judith Flower
Motion Passed
9. Review and approve the Sheriff’s contract.
Motion: Joel Bluming moved to approve and sign the contract with Windham County Sheriff for 2017-2018.

Second: Judith Flower
Motion Passed

10. Approve the Tax Rate.

The 2017 total tax rate (municipal and education) is:

Resident- 1.9275

Non-Resident- 1.7101

Motion: Judith Flower moved to sign the 2017 tax rate.

Second: Joel Bluming.

Motion Passed

11. Discuss and approve the Muzzy Fund guidelines.

Joel Bluming stated he has some amendments for the guidelines.

Motion: Judith Flower moved to strike the need for a Selectboard member on the committee.

Second: Andy Coyne

Motion Passed

Motion: Joel Bluming moved to add the wordind “or other extreme need.”

Second: Judith Flower

Vote 2 for, 2 against – Motion failed.

Motion: Judith Flower moved to pass the guidelines presented by the Town's Attorney concerning the Muzzy fund with the one voted change.

Second: Andy Coyne

Motion Passed

12. Discuss, and possibly hear, an individual’s application for the Muzzy Fund.

Motion: Joel Bluming moved to disregard the previouslt approved guidelines and distribute Muzzy funds to an applicant.

No second, motion failed.

13. Readdress the question of sponsoring a VLCT training on the Open Meeting Law with new information.

Joel Bluming found someone who will present information on Open Meeting Law (about 1.5 hour presentation) at no cost to the town.

Motion: Joel Bluming moved to have Jim Barlow present on Open Meeting Law Tuesday Oct 24, 2017 at 6pm.

Second: Judith Flower

Motion Passed

14. Time for public concerns.

Helena Worthen thought the Town may want to look into collecting the 1% “Local Option” on meals and rooms tax. This was briefly discussed.

Motion: Judith Flower moved to go into Executive session for a personal issue.

Second: Andy Coyne.

Entered Executive Session at 9:25pm.
Dissolved Executive Session at 9:48pm. No action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50pm.