

Jamaica Selectboard Meeting  
Monday, April 9, 2018

Selectboard present: Paul Fraser (Chair), Andrew Coyne (Vice Chair), Judith Flower, Gregory Meulemans, Thomas Tolbert

Public Preset: Rich Melanson(BCTV), Joel Bluming, Rebecca Ohm, Chris Robbins, Lisa Mann, Jason Terry, Tucker Wilkinson, Charlie Peck, Bryan Zieroff, Veda Bassett, Sara Wiswall (Town Clerk)

7:00 p.m. Paul called the meeting to order.

- 1. Call for any late additions to the agenda.** Three additions were made by Paul, the air conditioner for the bank building, hazardous waste and the watershed alliance.
- 2. Approve the minutes of the March 26th Selectboard meeting.** There were a couple changes to be made to the minutes. Instead of none opposed, it should read that the motion passed. There should be two separate motions for the executive sessions. The last page should say “to approve above motion.” Andy makes a motion to approve the minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy.
- 3. Approve time sheets for: town office, listers, highway, and transfer station.** Moved to the end of the meeting.
- 4. Sign Selectboard orders.** Moved to the end of the meeting.
- 5. Review 1, (poss. 2), excess weight permit request(s).** Andy had looked over the 2 permit requests and said that they are fine. Tom made a motion to sign the permits, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy. Approved.
- 6. Review and discuss the Muzzy Fund MOU with Neighborhood Connections.** The Muzzy Fund is money that was given to the town to be used for the townspeople. The Muzzy Fund is managed by the Selectboard but they would like to work with Neighborhood Connections. They will overlap but the Selectboard will still decide how the money is spent. Motion made by Andy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom. Approved pending approval of the town lawyer.
- 7. Discuss a request from Cota and Cota regarding an exception to our sign ordinance.** There were two people present from the Cota & Cota, Jason Terry and Tucker Wilkinson. The sign ordinance is old but still followed. Terry stated that they have been in business since 1941 and are a family business. They would like a scrolling sign for specials that would sit above the wooden sign they currently have. There was discussion on how the ordinance is outdated and needs amending. The Selectboard wants to work with local businesses and asked that Cota & Cota draw up a sketch of the actual sign they would like to have.

**8. Discuss a change in how the Town officials manage e-mails.** Tom said he would get the exact amount before moving forward with this.

\*The air conditioner at the bank/historical society needs to be repaired. The lowest offer from the insurance company was \$3,980. Tom made a motion to take the offer on the insurance money, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andy. Approved.

**9. Discuss the Jamaica Planning Commission's Draft Energy Plan.** The JPC came to the meeting to discuss their energy plan. They have been working on this since December of 2017. If they have a plan that is compliant to Act 174, there is funding available. That is why they are trying to comply with Act 174 even though it is voluntary.

The plan is reviewed every 8 years. There was some discussion on windmills or lack of them in the plan, there was discussion of what it would do to the town visually but also it was mentioned that windmills would not work because of Jamaica's land structure.

Charlie will write a letter to the Selectboard and the Planning Commission on how Windham is the model for all of us to follow.

The deadline is July 1<sup>st</sup> to get financing from Act 174.

It was suggested that the Planning Commission and the Selectboard plan a joint meeting where they can all discuss this more in detail.

It is required to have two public hearings, then the Selectboard can hold additional meetings as seen fit or they can accept/reject the energy plan.

**10. Presentation regarding Jamaica's possible participation in the VT Climate Action Committee.** The meeting was going long already so Paul asked Rebecca if it was okay to postpone this discussion. She agreed.

\*Judy brought up that Windham Solid Waste is willing to do a hazardous waste day at the transfer station. The dates available are May 12<sup>th</sup> or May 19<sup>th</sup>. Hazardous waste to include: oil, paint, motor oil, antifreeze, pesticides, poisons, fluorescent lamps and batteries.

Andy asked if it was free, Judy was unsure.

Tom made a motion to support on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg. Approved.

**11. Time for public concerns.** No one remained at this time in the meeting.

**12. Executive session for a personnel matter.**

Tom "I move to find the premature general public knowledge of a personal issue would clearly place the individual at a substantial disadvantage, because the Selectboard risks violating their privacy if it discusses the individual in public." 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy.

Tom "I move that we enter into executive session to discuss a personal issue under the provisions of Title 1, Section 313(a)(1)(A) of the Vermont Statutes." 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andy.

The Selectboard goes into executive session at 8:42

Executive session ends at 9:25, no action taken.

Motion made by Tom to adjourn at (:25, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andy. Passed.

Submitted by Sara Wiswall