

Jamaica Selectboard Meeting Monday, August 13, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

Selectboard Present: Paul Fraser (chair), Andy Coyne (vice-chair), Judy Flower & Tom Tolbert.

Public Present: Steve Tavella (West River Valley Thrives), Keith Clark (sheriff WCSD), Joel Bluming, Daniel & Ann Cummins, Sara Wiswall (town clerk).

Paul calls the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

1. *Call for any late additions to the agenda.* No late additions.
2. *Approve the minutes of the July 23rd Selectboard meeting.* Tom made a motion to approve the minutes from July 23rd as written. 2nd by Andy, passed.
3. *Approve time sheets for: town office, Listers, highway, and transfer station.* Moved to the end of the session.
4. *Sign Selectboard orders.* Moved to the end of the session.
5. *Sheriff Keith Clark.* Keith Clark came to talk to the Selectboard to answer questions and to talk to the Selectboard about what they do for our town. He explained that any service that is provided is based on their contract with the town. They primarily focus on traffic enforcement but have also done other things including a traffic survey and littering complaints.
He explained that the sheriff's department is a supplemental service to the town. They can assist the health officer when needed.
Tom asked him about squatters. Keith said that the sheriff's department can assist in civil ordinances.
Joel Bluming asked him about the mobile homes that have been traveling on Route 30. Keith said that there are different things that can be done if the truck drivers are not abiding the law such as revoking permits or requiring the oversized loads to have a police escort.
6. *West River Thrives Presentation.* Steve Tavella of West River Valley Thrives gave a brief presentation on what they are and what they do. They are not a prohibition organization but are trying to prevent underage substance abuse by increasing student knowledge of drugs and alcohol and increasing youth activity. The focus is on how to make our communities healthier.
7. *Cota and Cota sign request and Ordinance update.* Tom reported that they are still

preparing to present the draft for the sign ordinance at the next Selectboard meeting. They discussed that they will make the new ordinance but if the towns people disagree they can challenge it.

8. *Listers: Errors and Omissions.* No listers present.

9. *Report on bids for new truck.* Keith is on vacation so Andy reported the bids that Keith had researched. The one ton is falling apart and needs to be replaced.

1- Dodge basically cannot compete with the other companies.

2- Springfield Auto Mart- Sierra 3500 was quoted at \$46,457 but increased and is roughly \$48-\$49k.

3- Ford- Keith recommends this truck. Total with everything is \$49,369

Tom made a motion to approve the purchase of the Ford truck for \$49,369 plus DMV fees. 2nd by Andy. Passed.

A side note from Andy: The last rains acquired a lot of damage on the south end of Water Street, South Hill, Pikes Falls and Mowrey Road. A lot of damage was done and they are still working on it.

10. *Discuss survey for the Water Project.* As of Monday, August 13, there have been 19 of the 62 water surveys returned.

Tom also mentioned that our website has been updated with a current calendar of events. If you wish to add something to the calendar please email Sara at jamaicatownclerk@svcable.net

11. *Time for public concerns.* Dan Cummins asked if the town trucks are undercoated. Yes was the reply.

Dan also mentioned that there are things that need to be fixed/improved at the town hall including the roof/ceiling, the floor needs refinishing, and the lights are not working properly.

Judy said that the \$20,000 put into the budget is to fix 3 issues which are the back exterior wall, the roof and gutter work.

Motion to go into executive session made by Paul at 8:30 p.m. "I move to find premature general public knowledge of a personnel matter would clearly place the individual involved at a substantial disadvantage because the Selectboard risks violating the individuals privacy if it discusses this matter in public." 2nd by Tom.

"I move that we enter into executive session to discuss provisions of title 1, section 313 (a)(1)(A) of the Vermont statutes." 2nd by Tom.

Entered executive session at 8:35 p.m.

Exited executive session at 9:15 p.m.

Adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Submitted by Sara Wiswall

Adjourn.