

Jamaica Selectboard Minutes  
September 24th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Public Present: Joel Bluming, Rebecca Ohm, Barbara Ferguson, Lou Brusco, Rich Melanson (BCTV ), Sara Wiswall (town clerk).

Andy calls the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**1. Call for any late additions to the agenda.** Greg added a request for someone to join the Planning Commission.

**2. Approve the minutes of the Sept. 10th Selectboard meeting.** Under number 10, it should read "He will be supervising *the attendant* at the transfer station."

Tom made a motion to accept the minutes with the change. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg.

**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. Review Errors and Omissions from the Listers.** Lou explained that the housesite is what the prebate is based on.

There are 18 parcels that need to be changed. The change does not affect any value on taxes, it will only affect their prebate. The properties are ones with two or more houses on them and they should be changed because the housesite was calculated incorrectly. All of the buildings were considered part of the housesite which is incorrect. It only affects residents, not second home owners because the prebate is only for Vermont residents. It needs to be changed for next year's taxes.

Tom made a motion to reduce the housesite values to the appropriate value per the listers for parcels 000C-1.1, 000D-2, 00F-63, 00G-19, 00G-29, 0J-L26.3, 00L-29.5, 00L-8, 00M-9.4, 00N-9, 00O-15, 00O-57.2, 00P-13, 00S-53, 00T-13, 00T-3.1, and 00T-10. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy, passed.

Bruce O'Brien- He has an apartment among his commercial property. The listers would like to make the first building its own housesite and leave the other building commercial.

Tom made a motion to grant the listers request to change the housesite. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg, passed.

Peter Andrus owns 8 contiguous properties. Each of them was given their own housesite value. He was being charged for 6 housesites. The listers would like to change his so that it is the same

as similar properties even though Peter's is done correctly and the other ones are not. To make Peter's the same as like properties, it would reduce his taxes.

Tom made a motion to full the request of the listers to change the value from \$596,900 to \$507,900 and to change the housesite value from \$501, 600 to \$69,600. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg, passed.

Raschid Joyce & Katherine Nolan own 2 houses that are contiguous. They had changed ownership with different owners names to a trust with the same name and now should be calculated as one parcel. It would decrease their value but \$22,800.

Greg made a motion to accept the listers request to join parcel 00-L14 and parcel 00-L15 for a total value of \$552,800.2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom, passed.

Lou also told us that any of the changed parcels are able to grieve at this time.

**6. As we go into the fall, remind everyone to make sure their house numbers are clearly visible from the street. It is also a good idea for people who have guests staying at their place to have the correct address written down somewhere near their phone.**

**7. Discuss and decide on whether, and/or when, to have the Oct 8th meeting.**

Greg made a motion to cancel the Selectboard meeting on October 8<sup>th</sup> due to the holiday. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom, passed.

**8. Update of water feasibility study.** There has not been any water testing data yet, the report is not finished and they are waiting for more extensive data. Two wells tested for total coliform, none tested E.coli. They will have the full report in 2-3 weeks.

**9. Information on an EV charging station grant from Rebecca Ohm, chair of the Planning Commission.** There are grants available for EV charging stations and it would fit into the energy plan. We could charge fees to use it to cover costs. The town would have to pay 10% of the cost. The deadline is the end of November.

**10. Discuss Transfer Station Policies.** Judy gave an overview of the policies at the transfer station.

Recycling- plastic, glass jars and bottles, cans and foil, and cardboard, mixed paper and newspaper all need to be recycled and can be done at the Jamaica Transfer Station.

Composting- we are required to collect good garbage and put in in special container.

No mercury, lead, acid or rechargeable batteries.

Electronics need to be sorted; some are no charge while others require a fee to get rid of.

Metal must be 50% metal or more.

Doors must be removed from refrigerators.

**11. Time for public concerns.** Joel Bluming of the transportation committee, told us that VTrans is doing a study of the Route 30 corridor involving buses for transportation.

There was a request from Patrick McQuillan to join the Planning Commission.  
Tom made a motion to appoint Patrick McQuillan to The Jamaica Planning Commission. 2<sup>nd</sup> by  
Greg, passed.

Tom made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg, passed.