

## Jamaica Selectboard Meeting Minutes January 28th, 2019

Selectboard Present: Paul Fraser, Andy Coyne, Tom Tolbert, Judy Flower and Greg Meulemans

Public Present: Joel Bluming, Rebecca Ohm, Pat Meulemans, Wade Hamilton, John Batutis, Karen Ameden, Em Richards (Bctv), Sara Wiswall (town clerk)

Paul called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

*1. Call for any late additions to the agenda.*

Judy would like to talk about a letter she received on the town hall repairs.

Tom would like to talk about the school.

*2. Approve the minutes of the Jan 14th Selectboard meeting.*

Greg made a motion to accept the minutes as written, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy. 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. Appoint the committee for the Cheney Mill Project.*

They had an informational meeting in December and a formal meeting on January 9, 2019.

Tom made a motion to appoint Greg Meulemans, Karen Ameden, Greg Joly, Michael Abrams and Peter Andrus to the mill committee. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg, passed.

They plan to proceed with forming an independent non-profit and continue to work with the town.

*6. Revisit the Arts Council's request to modify the Town Hall usage agreement.*

Judy purposed that we accept the \$250 from the Arts Council and collect paperwork from them but to also look at the agreement again next year after keeping an eye on the cost.

Judy made a motion that we accept the proposal from the Arts Council and the \$250 for expenses from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019. At which time the Selectboard will review the memorandum. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg, passed.

*7. Review, discuss, and possibly sign the Warning for the 2019 Town Meeting.*

There was an item missed, to put in compensation for the health officer.

“Shall the voters instruct the Selectboard to add a line to the budget for the compensation of the health officer?”

Article 11- The water study. Some felt that the dollar amount of \$80,000 should not be on the article because we do not know the actual cost.

“Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to continue to pursue further research on the municipal water system?”

Tom made a motion to accept the Warning for Town Meeting with the revisions agreed upon. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy, passed.

*Late Additions:*

Judy received a letter from Meg Campbell and that they accepted Stewart Barker to do the work on the town hall with two conditions.

- 1- Cannot use pressure treated wood.
- 2- Cannot use plywood.

Rebecca Ohm reported that she had checked into Efficiency Vermont helping but did not find the town hall listed on the National Registry.

Tom said that there are a lot of changes to the school. Next year Jamaica will only have 30 students after the 6<sup>th</sup> grade goes to Leland & Gray and we are losing students because of school choice. He suggested talking to the school board about what will happen next.

*8. Time for Public concerns.*

John Batutis and Wade Hamilton both live on Pikes Falls Road and are concerned about the culverts near their homes. John said that the culverts are rusted out and the gravel/rocks are falling in the brook.

Andy said that he and Keith will look into it and contact Vtrans.

Joel Bluming said people need to send a letter to Vtrans and show our interest in having bridge 32 (the bridge to the state park) fixed.

Tom made a motion to adjourn at 8:30. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andy.

Submitted by Sara Wiswall