

Jamaica Selectboard Minutes July 22nd, 2019

Selectboard Present: Paul Fraser (chair), Andy Coyne (vice-chair), Judy Flower, Tom Tolbert and Greg Meulemans

Public Present: Raymond Ballantine, Joel Bluming, Rebecca Ohm, Bob O'Brien and Sara Wiswall (town clerk)

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

1. Call for any late additions to the agenda.

Tom- Sheriff's office questions.

2. Approve the minutes of the July 8th Selectboard meetings.

Judy pointed out that VHB should be written out the first time it is referenced in the minutes and after that it may be abbreviated but it appears that VHB is the actual company name and not an abbreviation.

Under number 9, it should say Marianne would like to have speed bumps **on** Pikes Falls, not of. Tom made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections, seconded 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. Review and sign the new tax rate.

The residential rate went up less than a penny and the non-resident went down a penny.

6. Rawsonville School house request from the Rawson Family.

Paul said that he could not find anything saying that the monument does not belong to the town and should be added to the current mowing contract for the property of the Rawsonville school. Paul will find out how much it will cost to add this to the existing property maintenance.

Greg said that the town has been doing repairs to the building, including work on the roof and tree removal.

7. Update on the suggestion to make the intersection of Water St. and Depot St. a 3 way stop, and, repainting the crosswalks.

In order to turn the intersection into a three way stop, we would have to modify the traffic ordinance.

Tom said he has been observing traffic on Water and Depot Street and that people tend to come fast off of the mountain and continue on Water Street at a fast speed. He is afraid speed bumps would motivate everyone to use Water Street instead of Depot Street if possible.

Andy is afraid that if there was a three way stop, people would try to make up time after stopping.

Tom had another suggestion of getting a small speed sign that would blink if drivers were exceeding the speed limit. Tom said he would look into the cost of a portable speed sign. It could be solar or electric because it could hook into where the street signs are plugged in.

Everyone is in agreement that the crosswalks should be repainted.

8. Funding request from SeVEDS.

Southeastern Vermont economic development strategy (SeVEDS) has written to request an appropriation of \$3,105 from the town of Jamaica.

9. Sheriff

Tom asked about fireworks and was told that they will confiscate them if someone is to contact the Vermont State Police or the Windham County Sheriff's office.

Everything is all set to have Windham County Sheriffs for Old Home Day.

They have removed the cart from Depot Street and Tom will be meeting with someone Friday and hopefully will be able to obtain the data collected in the cart.

The sheriff's office asked if we wanted to hire them for the race down the river but it is not a town sanctioned event, so no.

Tom also said he published the VHB proposal for the water study on the town website. jamaicavermont.org

10. Time for Public concerns.

Joel wants to know if the Selectboard has made any progress on the application for the federal land access program for the bridge project (State Park Bridge). Tom and Greg said they would look into it.

Andy made a motion to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. Seconded by Judy, passed.

Submitted by Sara Wiswall

