

Town of Jamaica, VT  
Selectboard Minutes  
March 23, 2020

Members present: Greg Meulemans, Chair, Paul Fraser, Andrew Coyne and Jessica Pollack.  
Public: Chris Robbins and Bryan Zieroff.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:03 PM.

Andrew Coyne move to approve the March 9, 2020 minutes with a change from WSWMD assistant: Jessica Pollack to WSWMD **alternate**: Jessica Pollack. Paul Fraser second. All in favor.

Andrew Coyne moved to approve the 2020 Town Meeting minutes. Jessica Pollack second. All in favor.

Overweight permits were approved for:

AS Clark & Sons, Newton Construction, Suburban Propane, Plimpton Excavating, AR Sandri and Miller Construction.

The West River Education District Annual Meeting and Australian Ballot vote has been cancelled.

Because of the Covid-19 pandemic:

Until further notice the Town Office will not be open to the public, all business will be done by phone, email or regular mail. Paul Fraser read the Continuity of Office Operations Plan (or COOP), although there are 3 levels and we are presently at Level 1.

Paul Fraser moved to modify Selectboard procedures in response to the Covid-19 pandemic and to appoint Greg Meulemans, Chair or Andrew Coyne, Vice Chair, if the chair is unavailable, to approve and sign orders for payroll and the operating expenses of the Town of Jamaica, VT until September 1, 2020 unless revoked sooner. Andrew Coyne second. All in favor.

Greg Meulemans moved to waive the penalty on all dog licenses until June 1, 2020. Andrew Coyne second. All in favor.

All Town Hall events are cancelled at this time.

Discussion about waiving fees for pay as you throw. A decision will be made if the need arises.

Chris Robbins has let WRC know about internet access points in Town, the school and the Town Hall both have public wi-fi. Greg Meulemans motioned to put out the password for the Town Hall which is **Jamaica!**, Jessica Pollack second. All in favor.

The Planning Commission would like to help coordinate efforts to help residents during the Covid-19 pandemic. Usually people are directed to other Agencies that have many resources for people in need, such as Neighborhood connections, Chris Robbins will check with them. Paul mentioned that Fire and EMS are still responding to calls with protocols in place to protect those responding.

Andy inquired if the Town had gotten any mandates from the Health Department, but there have been none.

Greg Meulemans moved to appoint John Sohikian to the Planning Commission, Jessica Pollack second. All in Favor.

Paul Fraser moved to adjourn the meeting, Andrew Coyne second. All in favor.

Adjourned at 8:27 PM

Respectfully submitted by

Terri Bills Garland