

Selectboard Minutes

June 8, 2020

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

Public Present: Joel Bluming, Lou Brusco, Chris Robbins and John Sohikan

Greg called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

1. Call for any late additions to the agenda

There is a contract from the sheriff's department, it will be on the agenda for the next meeting, giving the board time to read over it.

2. Approve the minutes from the May 11, Selectboard meeting

Andy made a motion to accept the minutes from May 11, seconded by Tom. All in favor.

3. Review time sheets for: town office, listers, highway, and transfer station

There are 4 weeks, the 15th, 22nd, 29th and the 5th.

There are a lot of repairs to the 2012 international truck. There was a lot of done on the engine and Terri is applying for a rebate on some of the repairs.

There are 8 phone lines that the town is paying for. There are two lines in the clerk's office, one for the listers, one upstairs, one for the transfer station and one for the garage.

Tom made a motion to have Greg sign the pay orders, seconded by Paul.

There were times when the truck went back that was not fixed the first time. They want to make sure they are all talking about the same truck. All in favor.

Tom withdrew the motion.

4. Review Selectboard orders.

5. Updates and discussion regarding COVID-19 and the town office operations

There are people using Air B&B's. The governor opened select counties that may visit Vermont, but it is something that is hard to enforce.

Will the town office continue to stay closed? Things are getting done and are working. Andy feels we should stay closed until the governor's order expires. Things are working as is, Paul would Terri and myself both in the office again.

6. Update on Rawsonville Monument and School House regarding mowing

The monument exists on the parcel owned by Susan Rice. It has been mowed around the monument.

There is a small square that the monument sits on. It was deeded to the descendants of the Rawsons.

In 1918, the monument was deeded to BB Rawson. He deeded it to the descendants of the Rawson Family. It was never entered into the grand list. The deed has existed through the deed through Susan Rice's deed. She and the previous owner have been paying the taxes on the land that the monument sits. It should be put onto the grand list.

The other alternative is for the town to take ownership of it. The only costs would be lawyer fees and the survey. Who would pay for this? If the town-owned it, we could petition the state to have a marker put by it.

Tom made a motion that the town moves forward on looking into acquiring the parcel around the Rawson monument. Seconded by Jessica, 4-1. Motion carries.

Steve Rawson had asked the town to mow the property, that is when the town started looking into who owned the monument. The board will check with road crew to see if they have the equipment to mow around the monument.

7. Review bids and award contract for trash and recycling services for the town of Jamaica

Our contract with Casella expires at the end of June. We have received two bids. One from Casella and one from Triple T.

The only thing not on the Casella bid is the organics which is \$25.00 per bin.

Casella has a rental for the bins for when we can no longer use the bins from WSWM. They are \$100 per month.

Triple T organics go into heaving duty compostable bags.

Single stream recycling- all recycling in one bin

Tom suggested that the bids be sent to everyone so that the numbers can be compared and everyone can take a look at it.

Tom made a motion to table the two bids we received until the next meeting, seconded by Jessica. All in favor.

8. Update on Communication Union District (CUD) including the resolution to appointment a representative and two alternates from the town of Jamaica to the board

The number of towns is up to ten and two more might be joining.

Windham Regional results on the survey are on their website. The business plan is due out this summer.

The resolution says that Jamaica is going to join the CUD and appoint a representative and two alternates. Chris Robbins is our representative and Jessica Pollack and John Sohikan are the two alternates. Tom made a motion to accept this. Seconded by Paul. All if favor.

9. Discuss a proposal to explore a Community Septic Initiative

The Planning Commission has been working on what can be done to move the town forward.

The first step would be to look at a town-wide septic system. There are some issues in the town already from a health perspective. It would not be for all of the town but would help to solve the congestion in the village area.

There is full funding available from the state for villages to undertake the assessment phases. No applications have been submitted for the year 2021. There is a landowner considering giving space for the septic system.

Is the town expected to pay bills upfront and then seek reimbursement? There are some things that would need to have money upfront.

11. Discuss the possible reclassification of a section of Turkey Mountain Road

Lexa and Keith have recommended reclassifying the end of Turkey Mountain road from class 3 to class 4. There are no residents out there and it is not plowed. There are other roads that may have similar situations and Greg has asked Keith to put together a proposal.

There is some initiative to improve some of the town trails.

12. Technology related updates including office network

Tom installed the security device in the town office. He is working with Chris Clark to run some wires and Lou has been helping him as well. Once Chris can come into the office, we should be ready to go.

New email addresses are available for the selectboard and town office employees. Some have switched over already.

SSL certificate is an industry standard for websites, but we do not have this. It would cost \$65-100 a year. We do not have a lot on our website that needs protection.

Zoom account for the town would cost \$14.99 a month. Tom will look into the zoom license.

13. Reminder School District Budget Vote, June 10, 2020

Remember to vote on Wednesday.

Please remember to complete the Census.

14. Public concerns

The second edition of the Jamaica Journal is out. Subscribe to get it sent to your email. There is a link on the town website.

Andy made a motion to adjourn at 8:44 p.m. Seconded by Tom.

Submitted by Sara Wiswall