

Jamaica Selectboard Meeting

February 13, 2017

7:00pm Jamaica Town Office

Minutes

Present-

Selectboard: Paul Fraser (chair), Andy Coyne, Lou Brusco, Judith Flower, Lexa Clark
Public: Keith Hazard (Road Foreman), Marianne Bouchard, Pam Tweedy (Recorder)

Paul Fraser called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

Additions to the Agenda:

Lou – proposal from Clark Electric about replacing fluorescent lights in the Town Office Building with LED bulbs

Approve the minutes of the Jan 23rd, 30th, and Feb 6th Selectboard meeting.

MOTION: Andy Coyne moved to approve minutes from the January 23rd Selectboard meeting.

Second: Judith Flower.

Motion passed.

MOTION: Lexa Clark moved to approve minutes from the January 30th Selectboard meeting.

Second: Judith Flower.

Motion passed.

MOTION: Andy Coyne moved to approve minutes from the February 6th Selectboard meeting.

Second: Lexa Clark.

Motion passed.

Report from Road Foreman:

Road Foreman Keith Hazard reported they've been busy plowing & sanding. Had to deal with a couple breakdowns, one of which was a recall, and had to buy 3 more sets of chains. Paul Fraser noted how busy the crew has been the last 3 or 4 days; Keith guessed they worked about 35 hours between Saturday and Monday.

Paul Fraser pointed out that it is illegal for residents to push their snow across the road when plowing. Keith said he understands people are running out of room in their yards and driveways, so as long as the snow is pushed all the way into the snowbanks and the road is clear, it doesn't cause an issue. However, if chunks are sticking out from the snowbank or snow is spread across the road it creates a dangerous situation.

Lou Brusco noted issues with keeping the sidewalks clear and asked if they could wing them back. Keith replied that they did it once, but now there's so much snow that if they push it farther it's going to go into yards and into trees.

Judith Flower commended the road crew on their work and stated that with all this snow her road has really been good.

Paul Fraser chose to skip to agenda item number 8:

Letter regarding snow on sidewalks.

The Board received a letter from Ed and Jen Dorta-Duque and Paul read the letter in sections. They are concerned because the snow the state pushes up onto the sidewalks in the village is hard to remove, and removal efforts can sometimes damage property. They also offered a variety of possible solutions to the problem. Discussion ensued regarding the difficulties of keeping the sidewalks clear, where responsibility lies, and what to do moving forward. The conclusion was that, especially regarding the sidewalk that the Town rebuilt with grant money, the Town is responsible for maintenance and, therefore, snow removal. Paul noted the main problem lies in not having the manpower, money or proper equipment. The Town will look into contracting out the work for next year, or purchasing the proper equipment and finding someone willing to keep up with it. For now, the Selectboard authorized the Chair to act in an emergency to hire someone to clear

the sidewalks asap, which is an action covered in the Town's procurement policy.

Paul thanked the Road Crew for "working their butts off."

Lou asked Keith about the status of cleaning out the garage building in preparation for new construction. Keith said it depends on how the winter winds down. They discussed the possibility of using the State Corrections work program to assist.

School Plowing & Mowing:

Paul Fraser explained that last year the Selectboard talked about covering plowing and mowing for school because it hadn't been included in either the Town or School budget. However, the Board apparently did not come to a conclusion about who would be responsible moving forward. Once again the grounds maintenance did not end up in either budget for 2017. So who pays for it?

Lexa Clark stated since they didn't come to a conclusion and the Town had taken responsibility after Act 60, she thinks the Town should pay for it for this year. But neither has a budget for next year (2018). She thinks Terri (Treasurer) and the school should communicate to see if school has money to use in their accounts. Andy Coyne recalls that the Board thought they shouldn't pay for it but never did anything.

Paul Fraser concluded the Town will pay for the plowing and mowing until June 30, 2017.

MOTION: Lou Brusco moved that the town pay for the mowing and plowing for the school for the remainder of the 2016-2017 year.

Second: Lexa Clark.

Motion passed 3 to 1

Liquor Licenses:

D&Ks (2nd Class), Rawsonville Market (2nd Class), HoneyPie (1st Class & Outside Consumption), & Meulemans (2nd Class).

MOTION: Lexa Clark moved that the Selectboard sign all of the liquor licenses.

Second: Andy Coyne.

Motion passed.

Discuss the Easement for the New Garage project:

Lou Brusco stated that the easement was sent to the Town's attorney, who made a minor suggestion but otherwise everything looks good. The size of rectangle needs to be determined – Beck Engineering will supply a mylar map to be attached.

MOTION: Lexa Clark moved that the Selectboard accept the easement for the Town Garage leach field on the property named on the easement – Chavez/Abrams.

Second: Andy Coyne.

Judith Flower expressed that she has concerns, so the Board will discuss further in executive session as it is a contractual issue.

No Public Concerns

LED Proposal for the Town Office:

The Selectboard received a proposal from Clark Electric to replace all of the fluorescent lighting in the Town Office building with LEDs, taking advantage of an incentive program through Efficiency Vermont. The Town can expect to save significant money on electric, plus Efficiency Vermont pays for at least ¾ of the cost.

Cost of hardware: \$2232

Labor: \$480

Total: \$2766

Rebate: -\$1860

Total actually paid: \$906

MOTION: Lou Brusco moved to accept Clark Electric's proposal at a cost of \$906.

Second: Judith Flower

Motion passed.

Executive Session

MOTION: Lou moved that the board finds that general public knowledge will place the municipality or person involved at a substantial disadvantage if the matters are discussed in public.

Second: Andy Coyne.

Motion passed.

MOTION: Lou moved that the board enter Executive Session for a contractual issue.

Second: Judith Flower

Selectboard entered Executive Session at 8:10pm.

Dissolved at 8:24pm

MOTION: Lexa Clark moved that the Selectboard accept the easement for the Town Garage leach field on the property named on the easement – Chavez/Abrams.

Second: Andy Coyne.

Motion passed 3 yes to 1 no.

Lexa Clark moved to adjourn. Second by Lou Brusco. Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm.