

Jamaica Selectboard Meeting

February 27, 2017

7:00pm, Jamaica Town Office

Minutes

Present-

Selectboard: Paul Fraser (chair), Andy Coyne, Lou Brusco, Judith Flower, Lexa Clark

Public: Elinor & Joel Katz, Joel Bluming, Pam Tweedy (Recorder)

Paul Fraser called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.

Additions to the Agenda:

None

Approve the minutes of the Feb 13th Selectboard meeting.

MOTION: Lexa Clark moved to approve minutes from the February 13th Selectboard meeting.

Second: Judith Flower.

Motion passed.

Review 3 excess weight permits.

Two more came in since the drafting of the agenda so there was a total of 5: UNFI, Lynde Well Drilling, Best Septic, Renaud & Valley Crane.

MOTION: Andy Coyne moved to refer the permits to the Road Commissioner for approval with the usual restrictions.

Second: Lexa Clark

Motion passed.

Paul Fraser took a moment to mention there will be an open seat on the Selectboard at Town Meeting, and he encouraged anyone interested to attend.

Public Concerns.

Elinor Katz announced that the Jamaica Community Arts Council will be hosting a craft show at the Jamaica Town Hall on May 6th from 10-3. The purpose of the event is to enhance community involvement and community feeling. They have about 15 indoor and 15 outdoor vendors so far, coming from all over the area. The fee for vendors is \$15 for outdoor, \$25 for indoor. All money received goes towards advertising and if any is left it will go towards more JCAC events.

Discuss change in WSWD budget

Lou Brusco discussed a change in the WSWMD Budget. As previously discussed, the District will no longer process recycling as of July 1 and the Town will be hiring a private contractor, which will be a bit more expensive. The latest development is the realization that the WSWMD can't just shut everything down on July 1 because they need to process all of the material collected up to July 1. Therefore, the facility will have to stay open for about a month and the latest assessment shows a \$94,000 closing expense. Jamaica's portion is about \$3,000.

In addition, the District is losing money and trying to make up a \$100,000 loss. They are looking to get a short term loan to make it through the year. They expect to be able to cover the loan with: \$20,000 invested in solar that will be recouped with first lease payment, \$50,000 in accounts receivable at end of the year, and the sale of materials after they shut down (which he estimates about 100-150 thousand in equipment that can be sold at auction). However, the loan has to be secured with taxpayer money, and if they can't pay back the loan it will turn into an additional assessment to towns, which for Jamaica would be about \$4500.

Consider contract for new garage.

Lou Brusio presented a modified standard AIA (American institute of Architects) contract from VMS Construction for the new Town Garage. Paul Gillies, the Town's attorney, looked at it and made some comments, including that any blanks be filled in with "N/A". Some highlights included the 1 yr "bumper to bumper" warranty for anything that may come up, and a 10 yr catastrophic warranty on either design or workmanship, which is higher than state requirement of 6 years.

MOTION: Lou Brusio moved that the Selectboard accept the VMS contract.

Second: Lexa Clark

Motion passed.

Possible executive session to discuss disposition of old town garage.

MOTION: Lexa Clark 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: Judith Flower

Motion passed.

MOTION: Lou moved that the board enter Executive Session for the purpose of contractual matters.

Second: Andy Coyne

Selectboard entered Executive Session at 7:44pm, and dissolved at 7:53pm.

Meeting re-convened at 7:54pm.

MOTION: Lou Brusio moved to hire Fitzpatrick Excavating to dispose of the portion of the town garage that he will not keep.

Second: Judith Flower

Discussion: the quote is \$4000 to demolish the old Town Garage.

Motion passed.

Since Joel Bluming was not present during Public Concerns, he asked to speak. He would like more information in the meeting minutes. Duly noted.

Lexa Clark motioned to adjourn. Lou Brusio seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.