

Jamaica Selectboard Meeting

March 27, 2017

7:00pm, Jamaica Town Office

Minutes

Present-

Selectboard: Paul Fraser (chair), Andy Coyne, Judith Flower, Lexa Clark, Joel Bluming

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

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

Additions to the Agenda:

Paul Fraser received one additional excess weight permit and one additional liquor license application. Joel Bluming requested to add the open minute taker position to the agenda as well.

Approve the minutes of the March 13th Selectboard meeting.

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

Second: Joel Bluming.

Motion passed.

Approve the minutes of the Jamaica Town Meeting.

MOTION: Lexa Clark moved to table the approval until next meeting to give everyone time to review the minutes thoroughly.

Second: Andy Coyne.

Motion passed.

Review 2 excess weight permits.

One additional permit application came in since the drafting of the agenda so there was a total of 3: Plimpton Excavating, David Chaves Excavating, & Bazin Bros Trucking.

MOTION: Judith Flower moved to instruct the Road Commissioner to approve the permits with the usual restrictions.

Second: Lexa Clark

Motion passed.

Paul Fraser read the restrictions that are included with each permit:

“No load to exceed 16,000 lbs on the green iron bridge leading to the State Park (BR #32) under any circumstances. No exceptions.

No use of town roads March 15-April 30 unless granted special permission by Selectboard.

No use of wood plank bridges. (BR #28 & #29 on West Jamaica Rd and BR #32 on Depot St)

No use during extreme wet conditions.

No loads to exceed legal VT Registration Weight.”

Review one liquor license request.

One additional liquor license request was received since the drafting of the agenda. Asta's Swiss Inn submitted a renewal app. for a first class license and outdoor consumption permit. North Country General submitted a new 2nd class license application.

MOTION: Joel Bluming moved to approve both applications.

Second: Andy Coyne.

Motion passed.

Request from the Arts Council to put a banner on the Town Hall for the upcoming craft show.

Elinor Katz asked for permission to hang a banner on the Town Hall next to the front doors. The banner will measure 36" wide by 6' tall and will advertise the May 6th craft fair for about 3 weeks leading up to the event, and will be removed immediately following the event. Hanging the banner will require screwing approx. 4 hooks into the building. The Selectboard expressed concerns of the precedence it might set; worrying other groups will start hanging signs on the building. It was concluded that permission must be granted by the Selectboard for anyone wishing to hang something on the building in the future.

MOTION: Lexa Clark moved to allow Elinor to put up a banner on the Town Hall for the craft fair, to be taken down after the event. Lexa will authorize a Town employee to hang up the banner.

Second: Judith Flower.

Motion passed.

Time for public concerns.

Joel Bluming brought up a point from Town Meeting about the possibility of a loan fund for low-income and/or elderly residents. This will be a future agenda item.

Selectboard Minute Taker.

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Lexa Clark moved to adjourn. Joel Bluming seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.