

Jamaica Selectboard Meeting

May 8th 2017

7:00pm, Jamaica Town Office

Minutes

Present-

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

Public: Veda Bassett, April Green (minutes), Rich Melanson from BCTV

Paul Fraser called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Additions to the Agenda:

Joel Bluming added a discussion on the VLCT speaker coming to town and road issues.

Lexa Clark added a review for bids on the septic and well companies.

Paul Fraser added Net Metering Project

Approve the minutes of the April 27th meeting.

This was the special meeting for the Art Council of Jamaica to talk with the Board about insurance.

Motion: Andy Coyne moved to approve minutes from the April 27th special meeting.

Seconded: Judy Flower.

Motion passed.

Changes for the Minutes of the April 24th meeting.

Elinor A Katy needs to be changed to Elinor Katz.

All motions if approved need to have passed after them, sections 2, 4, 5 and after executive session motion by Joel Bluming.

In Section 8 it was stated that there would be an emergency meeting for the art council but it was not an emergency meeting it was a special meeting.

The Town Select Board Meeting does not adjourn at 8:03 that is taken out, only the public part ends at that time.

Motion: Lexa Clark moved to approve changes.

Second: Joel Bluming.

Motion passed.

Jamaica Fire Department Report

Fire and Rescue Responses were 56 calls from 01/2017 through 05/4/2017.

Paul Fraser reminds the public that burning permits are needed and that you cannot burn garbage, pressure treated wood, paper and many other things.

Presentation by property owners about renaming a road is cancelled until the board is contacted with a definite date.

Additions to the Agenda.

Net Meter Project Discussion

Paul Fraser said the monthly payment for this project for solar would be \$787.50 87% of what the town is paying now. Lexa Clark asked a few questions. Andy Coyne asked what if the Green Mountain Power rate goes up would the town rate go up? Lexa Clark suggested all board members get a copy of the proposed contract so they can all look it over and then they can make a decision on if it is worth sending it to the lawyer and paying the lawyer fees.

Garage Septic & Well Bids.

Three bids for well drilling, Frost Wells for 7,200 to 7,700; Green Mountain Wells for 5,000; or Lynde for 7,178.22.

Motion: Lexa Clark moved to approve Green Mountain Wells for the Drilling.

Second: Andy Coyne

Discussion among all board members for a few minutes about what company would be best for the town.

Passed, 3 yes, 1 abstain

Three bids for the septic dig, Larry Brown for \$5,760; Ameden Construction for \$3,000; or Raymond Smith \$3,950. These all include taking down a tree and the 1000 gallon tank.

Motion: Lexa Clark moved to approve Ameden Construction.

Second: Judy Flower.

Motion passed.

VLCT speaker coming to town.

Joel Bluming discussed the VLCT speaker coming and being hosted here in Jamaica. He explained that Townshend would be interested in helping with the costs, but Wardsboro is not. This speaker would be discussing the Open Meeting Laws. Andy Coyne printed out the laws off the internet of the Open Meeting Laws and gave one to all board members. Joel Bluming believed that it would be good for special questions or concerns and educating the public. Lexa Clark explained that the answers can be found by calling the VLCT, they are helpful. Judy Flower also thought that when a question comes up that is when it should be addressed at that time by phone or email. Joel Bluming explained that he will be taking the class up in Montpelier but not everyone would have the ability to do so. Paul Fraser stated that the town already pays \$1,500 a year to the VLCT for their support.

Motion: Joel Bluming moved to approve a speaker come from the VLCT and share the cost with Townshend.

Second: no one.

Motion not passed.

Road Issues.

Joel Bluming talked to the board about what he has noticed on West Hill Road, Pike Falls Road and West Jamaica Road. They are in need of better trenches and culverts. Lexa Clark asked the public to email her any and all complaints about the roads so that she can have them addressed by the town garage workers. Joel Bluming also brings up that The Vicki house on Pikes Falls Road is a nuisance and needs to be addressed. Lexa Clark explained she is trying to work on getting it removed. She must make sure there is no hazardous material before doing so.

Public Concerns.

Veda Basset came in late and wished to address the board about the current town plan. On Page 56 she explained that it states the option to explore the possibility of a public restroom in the center of town. She would like to see if the Library could have an open restroom even when it is closed because they are currently doing renovations on it. It was discussed among them all and it was concluded that the type of septic system being put in would not be able to take that much use. Andy Coyne suggested that we find out how much it would cost to get a plan done for town septic and water system for the center of town. Veda Bassett brings up energy policies 5 and 10 in the town plan. The board explains that the Library is being built with a roof that can hold solar panels and that the board is also in the process of researching a solar plan.

Possible Executive Session.

Motion: Joel Bluming moved to go into executive session for personnel matters.

Second: Lexa Clark.

Not Passed: 1 yes and 4 opposed

Motion: Joel Bluming moved to raise the pay rate for the minutes recoder from \$20 a meeting to a flat rate of \$35 a meeting.

Second: Andy Coyne.

Motion Passed.

Andy Coyne talked about spring being here people wanting to pick up the trash on the roads but warns citizens to be careful. If you find needles or anything dangerous do not pick them up and the to find the proper way of disposing things the Town Clerk's Office, the VT Department website and the transfer station.

Judy Flower mentions the on May 22nd 2017 Windham Solid Waste Director to help make a decision. Hazardous waste removal dates are posted at the transfer station. Sometime before July 1st 2017 Christine Benoit will be coming to discuss the organic waste dumpster process that will be at the transfer station.

Lexa Clark motioned to adjourn. Judy Flower second. Meeting adjourned 8:15pm