

**Jamaica Selectboard Minutes**  
**Monday, March 26, 2018**

**Selectboard present:** Paul Fraser (Chair), Andrew Coyne (Vice Chair), Judith Flower, Gregory Meulemans, Thomas Tolbert

**Public Preset:** Rich Melanson(BCTV), Joel Bluming, Rebecca Ohm, Dan Cummings, Sara Wiswall (Town Clerk)

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

**1. Call for any late additions to the agenda:** Certificate of compliance and annual financial plan for the town highways.

**2. Approve the minutes of the March 12th Selectboard meeting.** Paul reads where the motions should have been. Tom makes a motion to approve, Andy 2<sup>nd</sup> as corrected. None opposed.

**3. Approve time sheets for: town office, listers, highway, and transfer station.** Moved to the end of the meeting.

**4. Sign Selectboard orders.** Moved to the end of the meeting.

**5. Review 2 Liquor License Renewal Requests.** Rawsonville market: Motion made by Andy to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg. Astar: Motion made by Tom, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg. None opposed. Rawsonville Market was missing the 2<sup>nd</sup> page of both the tobacco and liquor licenses. They will need to be signed at the next meeting.

**6. Review 1 excess weight permit request.** Plimpton Excavating, 60,000 pounds. Judy makes a motion to pass, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom. None opposed.

**7. Continuing discussion regarding a possible letter to the Legislature regarding our concerns about possible changes in the Open Meeting Law.** The open meeting law has not been voted on but it is close to coming to committee. If it changes before it is approved, they might want to bring it back up again. As is, everyone is okay with it.

**8. Review and Approve the 2018 LEOP-** Local Emergency Operations Plan needs to be redone every March. The only changes were the new Selectboard members. Greg would like his email changed on the list. Andy has training if anything were to happen to Paul. Tom made a motion to adopt with the change to email, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg. None opposed.

**9. Receive an application for the Planning Commission opening.** Lisa Mann sent a letter of interest which Paul read aloud. Rebecca Ohm, the chair of the planning commission, was present and interested in having Lisa join them. Paul and Judy felt as though they should meet her before appointing her to the commission. Tom and Andy both know her and felt confident

that she would be a great addition to the commission. Greg made a motion to appoint Lisa to fill one of the two vacant spots, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom. Vote of 3-1 for Lisa to join the planning commission. Judy and Paul are hopeful she will attend the next Selectboard meeting so that they can meet her.

**10. Discuss WRC lack of applications.** There are two empty slots for the WRC, Windham Regional Commission. There had not been any applications until the meeting when Joel Bluming submitted his to Paul. There was some confusion as to whether Joel had previously held this position. Paul said he had not, Greg disagreed. This will be talked about in the next Selectboard meeting.

**11. Update on the bridge situation.** Andy spoke with someone at VTrans about the state park bridge. It was inspected last October and was fine with the 8 ton limit. The board is granting permits at their own risk but it should hold. The concern is that the bridge project has been put off and if it continues to be put off it might not last much longer. The town should consider re-decking and full runners.

**12. Discuss the potential loss of cell phone coverage.** There is a potential loss of cell phone coverage in our area. AT&T will still work but some other cell phone services might lose coverage.

**13. Time for public concerns.** Rebecca sent out an energy plan draft. She asked that any comments or questions be sent to her and she would try to incorporate it into the final draft. Discussion was had about bringing in new business, bringing water supply for business opportunity.

**14. Executive session for a personnel matter.**

Judy: "I move to find that premature general public knowledge of a personal matter would clearly place the individual at a substantial disadvantage, because the Selectboard risks exposing their identity if it discusses personal in public." 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom. None opposed.

Judy: "I move that we enter into executive session to discuss a personal matter under the provisions of Title 1, Section 313(a)(1)(A) of Vermont Statues." 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom.

**8:08-8:15 Executive session for a personal issue.** No decision made.

**15. Executive session for a legal matter.** Start at 8:16, end at 8:34

Paul reads "We are entering into this Agreement to provide finality for the Town in respect to this matter. This Agreement eliminates the potential of perfecting any and all claims or litigation against the Town, by the former employee, now and in the future. Legal counsel has advised us that the terms of this Agreement are fair and reasonable and it is with that advice in

mind, and to eliminate any other uncertainty, inconvenience or expense that we are accepting this agreement.”

Motion by Tom, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy. Approved.

*Submitted by Sara Wiswall*