

Jamaica Selectboard Minutes (Draft)
Monday, May 14, 2018

Selectboard present: Paul Fraser (Chair), Andrew Coyne (Vice Chair), Judith Flower, Gregory Meulemans, Thomas Tolbert
Public Present: Rich Melanson (BCTV), Joel Bluming, Sara Wiswall (Town Clerk)

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

1. Call for any late additions to the agenda: Town water, committee for water, add Sara to the check signing, and town emails.

2. Approve the minutes of the April 23rd Selectboard meeting. Tom made a motion to approve the minutes, 2nd by Greg. Approved as presented.

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

4. Sign Selectboard orders. Moved to the end of the session.

5. Review 1 excess weight permit request. AS Clark & Sons, Greg made a motion to approve, 2nd by Judy.

6. Review and discuss proposal for Cota & Cota sign. Tom brought up that the sign would be across from residents. He asked if the sign would be running 24/7. He also asked if it will even be visible among all the other lights. The Selectboard decided to put together a letter to send out to the neighboring residents to see if they object.

The sign ordinance needs to be rewritten. Judy made a motion to create a small committee to rewrite the sign ordinance. 2nd by Greg.

Andy thinks the Selectboard should be the committee.

The committee will consist of 2 members of the Selectboard and 1 member of the planning commission. A motion was made for the small committee to rewrite the sign ordinance. It passed.

Greg and Tom both volunteered to be on the committee. Paul will contact Rebecca Ohm, the chair of the planning commission tomorrow.

7. Review cemetery maintenance bids. There were 2 bids for the cemetery maintenance, D&K's and Ben Lowe. D&K's bid was \$5.00 less. Andy made a motion to accept D&K's bid for cleanup and maintenance. 2nd by Tom. Approved.

8. Time for public concerns. No public concerns.

9. Late additions:

- a. Add Sara to check signing. Judy made a motion to add Sara as a check signature to the town bank account. 2nd by Tom. Passed.
- b. Judy had two things with the Town Hall. There is no water in the bathroom, it tends to be more electrical than water related. Judy called Chris Clark. There is a performance Thursday night, if the water is not fixed, Judy will ask the church if they can use their restrooms again.
- c. In June, there will be a visit from the conservation society for the town hall. The stuff has been removed from the gutters. There are some roofing issues. There are paint chips coming down from the ceiling and possible leakage. The back wall needs to be painted. The sill facing the church on the left side is rotted and needs to be replaced, this is the top priority. The town hall has been rated at the top by the preservation society and would hate to lose the rating; there is \$20,000 in the budget to keep up the building.
- d. The idea of a facility manager was discussed. This would be someone to designate the town buildings maintenance. Committee's already exist for the town hall and the bank building. Looking for more detailed than just taking care of regular problems. Tom will speak with the Arts Council and Karen (Historical Society) and seek input from the different committees.
- e. Judy made a motion to ask the treasurer to write an RFP for the structural integrity of the town hall. 2nd by Tom. Approved.
- f. Paul received a letter from Rebecca Ohm about the water system. The questionnaires should be going out in June. The planning commission has offered to help with handing out the questionnaires. The Selectboard is in charge of the project and need to ask about progress to date and the actions to be taken.
- g. Tom is still interested in getting emails for the town. He had not heard back from svcable as to whether they are able to give us emails that would end in jamaicavt.org. Most of them offer the service for \$5.00 a month but godaddy is running a special for \$2.00 a month which would be about \$500.00 for 3 years. Tom will contact svcable again and this will be put on the next agenda.

Tom makes a motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. 2nd by Andy.