

Jamaica Selectboard Meeting Monday, October 22, 2018

Selectboard Present: Paul Fraser (chair), Andy Coyne (vice-chair), Judy Flower, Tom Tolbert and Greg Meulemans

Public present: Janis Chaillou (BCTV), Alice Abraham, Christina Healy, Elinor Katz, Joel Katz, Joel Bluming, Rebecca Ohm, Patrick McQuillan, Karen Ameden, Michael Abrams, Peter Andrus, Helina Worthen, Joe Berry, Greg Joly, Lou Brusco, Sara Wiswall (clerk)

1. Call for any late additions to the agenda. Jamaica Community Arts Council would like to ask if they can move some equipment for the Halloween Haunted House.

2. Approve the minutes of the Sept. 24th Selectboard meeting.

Under the errors and omissions from the listers, under Peter Andrus's property, it should read "Tom made a motion to *fulfill...*" instead of "Tom made a motion to *full...*"

Under the discuss transfer station policies, it should read *food garbage* instead of *good garbage*. Andy made a motion to approve the minutes with changes. 2nd by Tom.

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. Discuss, and appoint, new members to the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment. The new members of the Planning Commission need to be appointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. In order to vote on an item, it needs to be on the agenda. When we appointed Patrick McQuillan to the Planning Commission it had not been warned on the agenda.

Tom made a motion to appoint Patrick McQuillan to the Jamaica Planning Commission . 2nd by Andy. Passed.

Tom made a motion to appoint Lisa Mann and Patrick McQuillan onto the Zoning Board of Adjustment. 2nd by Greg. Passed.

6. Discuss, and vote on, the 25% Match Certification for the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant. LHMP (Local Hazard Mitigation Plan will expire in 2020. Are we prepared to pay 25% of the total? Our cost will be about \$3,000-\$3,500 with the total being around \$12,000. We need to have a LHMP in order to get emergency funding from the state or FEMA.

Andy made a motion to match the 25% on the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant. 2nd by Tom, passed.

7. Discussion, and decision, regarding the disposition of the old Cheney Mill.

The Old Cheney Mill is located on Town Shed Road. Damage was done to the roof leaving a hole in it. Many towns people joined us at the meeting to discuss the future of the old mill. Greg Joly said what is important about this project is that it has brought so many different towns people together. The group feels it is in the towns' best interest to save the building, it is the last standing mill in town and the mills were a big part of Jamaica.

Greg Meulemans has spoken to Asa Goodband about repairs to stabilize the rood to get through the winter and he would finish the roof in the spring. The estimate from Asa Goodband was for \$20,000 which would all be covered by the insurance. The work now would cost \$6,000 and then the addition \$14,000 would be paid in the spring.

Michael Abrams told us that the preservation trust of Vermont told him of a grant that would do a conditional assessment (rough estimate) of the building. The Jamaica Historical Foundation would have to match the grant.

Greg Meulemans said that people have come to look at the building and said that is solid. Patrick McQuillan also said he looked at the structure and thinks it is solid as well.

The building is in the flood zone, the bottom would have to be designed for a flow through building. Being in a flood zone does not affect grants.

Paul mentioned that the insurance money could be used for something else if we decide not to repair the building. It is a three story building built in the 1800's. There is currently no electric or plumbing. It has been used as the town garage in the past.

Paul said there are 3 options:

- a. The town puts a roof on.
- b. Historical Society buys it and puts a roof on.
- c. Take the money and run.

Lou Brusio thinks it is best to keep it as a town building and have the Historical Foundation get grants, etc. The town would continue to own it and the Historical Foundation would take the lead in repairs, running the building, etc. There would have to be a formal agreement between the town and the Historical Foundation.

If the town owned the building it would not affect donations, private funding or grants. It might be possible for the Historical Foundation to lease the building from the town.

Michael Abrams said that the Town Shed Road is a two lane road and would remain that way. The space that would be needed would not interfere with the highway crew doing their job.

A decision must be made on the roof, everything else can be figured out later.

Tom made a motion to use insurance monies to enter into a contract with Asa Goodband to re-roof the Cheney Mill building located on Town Shed Road for \$20,000 to be completed in two phases, the first to take place this fall to stabilize the roof with the remaining work to be completed in the spring. 2nd by Greg.

The motion was amended to say up to \$26,000 for repairs. Passed.

Lou added that there is a \$500 grant that needs to be done quickly and that the Historical Foundation will match the grant.

8. Discuss the modification, or replacement, of the recyclables containers at the Transfer Station.

Judy received a letter from the state about two visits they made to the transfer station on July 18, 2018 and again on October 11, 2018 . Three signs were left to be displayed.

In order to continue the e-cycling, electronics must be kept separate from all other waste.

Jamaica has 30 days to correct the problem; it must be done by November 17, 2018.

The electronics storage facility has holes in the bottom and rain comes in, the other container has holes in it as well.

We could rent a container for \$100 a month or buy a new building from Jamaica Cottage Shop. The Cottage Shop offers fully assembled, economy grade buildings. A 10x14 container would hold about 6 gay lords and the cost would be \$3,074. A 10x16 building would cost \$3,514.

VT e-cycle must be:

- a. On surfaces that prevent electronics from leaking into the ground.
- b. Kept dry
- c. Must be stacked in the containers
- d. Must not be kept outdoors

We either have to do something about the storage containers or give up the e-cycling program. Judy thinks it is an expense that we need to do.

Greg mentioned that we can get a used container for \$2,000-\$2,500.

Andy made a motion to not collect electronics anymore. 2nd by Paul. *Motion does not carry.*

9. Update on the Water Feasibility Study.

Paul talked to Chrissy and the test results are in and she will present the information at the next Selectboard meeting.

Late Additions:The Jamaica Community Arts Council are putting on a Haunted House at the Town Hall . They want to use the closet but it is full of equipment. Tom would like to store it at his house until after the event. The Selectboard said yes.

Paul received a letter from BCTV inviting everyone to the producer awards party on October 25, 2018 from 6-8 p.m.

10. Time for public concerns.

Joel Katz asked about the bags for the transfer station and if they had generated enough revenue to pay for the new shed for e-cycling. Paul told him he would check the numbers as to before and after the Pay as You Throw started.

Joel Bluming reported that VTrans is doing a survey study by Windam Regional in attempt to get bus service up Route 30.

Tom made a motion to adjourn at 8:32 p.m. 2nd by Andy.