

JAMAICA SELECTBOARD MEETING

MONDAY, December 10th, 2018

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

Public present: Pat Meulemans, Cor Trowbridge (BCTV), Jason Kass, Karen Ameden, Joel Bluming, Joel Katz, Elinor Katz, Rich Melanson (BCTV), Sara Wiswall (clerk)

1. Call for any late additions to the agenda.

Judy asked for an executive session, Paul said there is one already.
Will there be a selectboard meeting on Christmas eve (Dec. 24th)

2. Approve the minutes of the Nov 26th Selectboard meeting.

Greg made a motion to approve the minutes as written. 2nd by Tom, passed.

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 of the Sunday Farmers Market.

Pat Meulemans said that all went well and there are 5 more markets scheduled. There were some issues with parking. Next time they will make signs to encourage people to park at the bank building. The bank building will need to be plowed before events and the sidewalks should be cleared better.

6. BCTV funding issue. Cor Trowbridge, Executive Director of BCTV.

Cor Trowbridge from BCTV- They have been covering our selectboard and town meeting for 8 years. BCTV is funded by cable companies. The FCC proposed a change that could change the way they fund BCTV. It could result in BCTV being eliminated.

She asked that we submit a letter to the FCC opposing this decision.

She also requested a small amount of funding from the town. The request is .85 cents per person, which would be \$800. This will have to be voted on at town meeting.

BCTV does cover our selectboard meetings, town meeting, and they offer access to their equipment.

Part of the problem is that there are less and less cable subscribers now that everything is available online.

Southern Vermont Cable funds BCTV.

Judy made a motion for Paul to write a letter for BCTV and email it to Cor by Friday. 2nd by Tom, passed.

In addition, anyone can send a letter, go to Brattleborotv.org for more information.

7. Discuss progress of the Mill Building Project committee.

Asa Goodband has done some work on the roof. It is 90% finished (the temporary job to get through the winter). The committee had their first meeting last week and will meet again on Wednesday, January 9th at 7:00 p.m.

8. Jamaica Community Arts regarding the use of the Town Hall.

The Jamaica Community Arts Council has an agreement with the town that they can hold 12 events a year without paying the fee. The Arts Council would like to increase the number of free rentals and in return they would give the town \$250 for upkeep on the town hall. They would like to update the agreement so they could have more events.

The selectboard agreed to look into it and get back to them at the next board meeting on January 14th.

9. Request for Appointment to the Planning Commission from Jason Kass.

Jason Kass would like the opportunity to join the Planning Commission. His background is in environmental engineering. He would like to use his experience to help the town by joining the Planning Commission.

Tom made a motion to appoint Jason Kass to the Jamaica Planning Commission. 2nd by Greg, passed.

Tom made a motion to appoint Jason Kass to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. 2nd by Greg, passed.

10. Update on the Transfer Station regarding E-Waste storage.

At the last meeting they discussed different options of what to do about an e-waste storage container. Paul talked to Hal Coleman and he inspected the container and said that it would be costly to fix it. There are two metal containers near the old mill. The better of the two had come from the transfer station. Keith said he could take it back to the transfer station. It would be the most cost efficient option. Tom made a motion to take the container up to the transfer station for e-waste collection. 2nd by Greg, passed.

11. Time for public concerns.

Joel Bluming said that Vtrans is doing a survey about Route 30 and would like your input. There was also a meeting by Vtrans and Windham Regional On Tuesday.

Karen Ameden sent a letter requesting \$2,500 for Old Home Day. There is still \$2,500 allocated for Old Home Day still available from last year.

Tom Tolbert said he talked to Bob Stomski about parking on Depot St. during events. When people park on both sides near the corner there is not enough room for a fire truck to get through if it needed to.

Tom made a motion to not have a selectboard meeting on December 24th. 2nd by Andy, passed.

Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by Sara Wiswall

8:18 p.m. Meeting reconvened. Motion by Paul to move into executive session for a personnel matter, second by Greg.

8:30 p.m. Moved out of executive session.

8:30 p.m. Motion by Tom to move into executive session for a personnel matter, second by Greg.

8:51 p.m. Moved out of executive session.

8:52 p.m. Motion by Tom to adjourn meeting, second by Greg.

Submitted by Greg Meulemans