

# Jamaica Selectboard Meeting

## January 14th, 2019

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

Public Present: Janis Chaillou(BCTV), Pat Meulemans, Rebecca Ohm, Joel Bluming, Lou Brusio, Sara Wiswall (town clerk)

*1. Call for any late additions to the agenda.*

Joel Bluming would like to give a report on the transportation committee.

*2. Approve the minutes of the Dec. 10th Selectboard meeting.*

Greg made a motion to accept the minutes as written. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andy, 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 and sign the Certificate of Highway Mileage.*

The statement of highway mileage for our town's roads. There are no new roads or changes. Must sign and return.

*6. Review and sign the Rescue Inc. Contract.*

There is a change in the way they do things, it is now a 3 year contract. The price is fixed based on the population. The cost per person is going up. Judy made a motion that we accept the 3 year contract with Rescue Inc. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg, passed.

*7. Review and adopt the new Sign Ordinance. And, appoint an Administrator.*

There was no response from the public, the ordinance has passed. There has not been any interest in the sign administrator position. The Selectboard will fill this role until it is filled but if there was a dispute, there would be a conflict of interest if the Selectboard were both the Administrator and decision makers.

*8. Discuss Arts Council request to modify the Town Hall usage agreement.*

The Jamaica Arts council would like to have another agreement with the town that would allow them to use the town hall without the rental fee. They offered to give the town \$250 with unlimited use of the town hall.

Judy mentioned that the oil bill for the last 3 weeks was \$120 and that there are other costs associated with using the town hall. There was also a request to have the sidewalks cleared and bank building plowed when there are events at the town hall. The bank building is kept plowed anyways. The discussion focused on if the town should help to fund the Arts Councils events.

Pat Meulemans said that all of the money they take in from events goes back into the events either paying musicians, advertising and their website.

No decision was made at this time.

*9. Discuss Listers request for a new computer for field work.*

Lou Brusio said that the new computer would solve two problems. The first is that the old computer would be moved into the town clerk's office. The second is the listers could go out in the field and have all the info right there.

The cost would be \$1400 and it would come out of the town office supplies reserve account.

Andy made a motion to purchase the computer with money from the reserve account. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg, passed.

*10. Discuss implementing a Stipend for the Health Officer to offset his expenses.*

Paul said he would like to do the same stipend for the health officer as we do for the 1<sup>st</sup> constable.

Andy said that in the past he would just take care of the problem but now it is a requirement to fill out a 12 page report. Andy is not looking for compensation but will be done in September and if there is a stipend it might help find someone to replace him. The health officer saves the town money by taking care of it instead of the state getting involved.

Judy made a motion to create a stipend for the health officer. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg, passed. It still needs to go to vote at town meeting.

*11. Open bids for the Town Hall repairs.*

Judy said that the preservation organization of Vermont comes yearly to inspect the town hall. The major problem is the sill sinking into the ground. There is no basement only a rock foundation. The sill is causing the building to shift.

Judy has two estimates for repairs:

- a. Chris Parker- Historical Renovator gave a quote of \$5,550 for support, floor structure and the outside wall.
- b. Stewart Barker inspected around the building. He gave a quote of \$3,400 for the sill but he also said the other side needs to be replaced and his estimate for this was \$6,700 with a total of \$10,100 for both.

Judy recommends we have the whole side done. Judy moved to use Stewart Barker to do both sections for \$10,100, one section is 25 feet and the other is 46 feet. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg, passed.

*12. Discuss possibility of a noise curfew for the Town Hall activities.*

There was a complaint about music playing after midnight at the town hall. Should there be a curfew for events? The Selectboard decided to leave things as they are for now.

*13. Time for Public concerns.*

There was an overweight permit request from Newport Sand & Gravel. Judy made a motion to sign the overweight permit. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg, passed.

Joel Bluming reported for the transportation committee. The bridge to the state park was on a purposed projects list. The bridge was not approved. The townspeople need to speak up to Vtrans and the legislative.

Joel also commented on the state of the sidewalks in town, saying they needed something to deal with the ice buildup.

Paul made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by Sara Wiswall