

Jamaica Selectboard Minutes May 13th, 2019

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

Public Present- Sue Stomski, Ray Ballentine, Bob Stomski, Mark Anderson (Windham County Sheriff's Office), Robert Lakin (Windham County Sheriff's Office), David Kaneshiro, Travis Thiele, Clara Robinson, Harry Robinson, Em Richards (Bctv), Sara Wiswall (town clerk)

Paul called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

Discuss the new wall in the town office.

2. *Approve the minutes of the April 22nd Selectboard meeting.*

Under number eight, it should say "subsidized" before flood insurance. Where Tom made a motion it should say "to sign off on the letter."

Under number 7 it should be has instead of have.

Judy made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Paul, 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. *Adopt the Local Emergency Management Plan.*

The only changes made were names. Lexa Clark was added as road commissioner.

Andy made a motion that we accept the LEMP as updated. Seconded by Greg, passed.

6. *Citizen concerns about Depot St.*

a. Tewksbury House: Paul read a letter from the lawyer of the owner of the property. They had planned to rebuild the house. They have put up no trespassing signs and boarded up the house. They will install fencing or tear down the building. They are waiting to hear back from Stewart Barker to figure out how to move forward.

Andy, as our health officer, said that there are six public house hazards and none of them apply to this property.

Clara said it may not be a health issue but it is a safety issue.

Robert Lakin has reached out to the owner but had not heard back from him. Some towns have ordinances to deal with unsafe properties (an example from Rockingham was given to the Selectboard). The sheriff's office cannot go on the property with the "no trespassing" signs posted.

There is a concern for the safety of locals and visitors because the house is located near the State

Park. Paul said that there is a responsibility of the parents.

Travis asked if we could ask the homeowner for a deadline as to when something would be done to the property.

b. Traffic- The other concern on Depot Street is the speed people travel. The sheriff's department brought the speed cart to Depot Street. It does seem to slow people down momentarily.

The suggestions were to put in a speed bump or two, put in a crosswalk or put up some slow children signs.

Mark Anderson said that operators do not respond to slow signs, etc. The more signs there are, the less people pay attention to them.

A speed bump would be problematic for plowing.

It is possible that being spring we tend to hear more as we open up windows and step outside more often. The data from the cart will help to see if there is a problem.

Removal speed bumps were suggested, they could be taken up before winter returns.

c. Sidewalk safety was a third topic brought into this discussion. There was an excess amount of sand on the sidewalks. The residents asked if the sidewalks could be swept before the street sweeper comes to town. The town will be using different sand next year which should help with some of the issues it has caused.

7. Town Hall ceiling decision.

Judy contacted two of the painters and they said they would warranty the job at the town hall. Judy would like to go with BMW painters because they understand the problem that the ceiling is creating.

Judy made a motion to hire BMW painters from Newfane, for \$15,000 to paint the ceiling in the town hall. Seconded by Greg.

Andy said the highest bid will pay the most attention to the cleaning and priming.

Judy's previous motion passed 3-1.

Judy will contact BMW painters.

8. Conservation Fund letter of support.

There is a part of the Meadowsend Timberlands in Jamaica, with the larger part in Stratton. They had asked for a letter of support.

Andy made a motion to give a letter of support to conservation of the Meadowsend Timberlands. Seconded by Greg, passed.

9. Discuss Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding and maintenance agreement.

The culvert at bridge #20 is the subject for the grant. To fix this undersized culvert it would cost \$350,000. If we get the grant the town's portion would be \$90,000.

Can we agree to fund our portion? Judy suggested that we start putting so much money away each year to put toward this culvert.

We would have to commit to putting in our share before submitting the grant.

Judy made a motion to abandon this project at this time. Seconded by Greg, passed.

Greg had an announcement from WSWMD for a hazardous collection day on Saturday, June 1,

2019 from 8 a.m. to noon. There are two locations, Townshend Highway Garage and Vernon Municipal Building.

Judy brought up the wall that is to be constructed in the town office.

Judy made a motion to spend \$1900 to make changes to the town office. Seconded by Greg, passed.

The next meeting would be May 27, 2019 but that is Memorial Day.

Greg made a motion that we will not have a meeting on May 27th. Seconded by Judy, passed. The next Selectboard meeting will be on June 10, 2019.

Andy made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Seconded by Judy.

Submitted by Sara Wiswall