

Jamaica Selectboard Minutes  
July 8th, 2019

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

Public Present: Dana West, Shirley Smith, Steve & Kathy Rawson, Bonnie West, Joel Bluming, Rebecca Ohm, Chrissy Haskins, Hazel Denton, MariAnne Bouchard, Rich Melanson (bctv), Sara Wiswall (clerk)

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

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

- Judy- update on the town hall
- Joel- report from transportation committee
- Andy- deputy health officer

*2. Approve the minutes of the May 13th and June 24<sup>th</sup> Selectboard meetings.*

The May 13<sup>th</sup> minutes need to be changed to say that the painters would NOT warranty the job at the town hall. Judy made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Seconded by Andy, passed.

The June 24<sup>th</sup> minutes need amending under the water section. There should be a period at the end of the date of the Selectboard meeting. Tom made a motion to accept the minutes with amendments. Seconded 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. Discuss for approval: Windham County Sheriffs contract.*

Last year the contract was for \$43,290. It is now \$48,960.

Judy made a motion to accept the contract for \$48,960 with the Windham County Sheriff. Seconded by Tom, passed.

*6. Discuss for approval: Sullivan and Powers contract for the outside audit.*

Tom made a motion to accept the Sullivan & Powers contract for \$17,500. Seconded by

Judy, passed.

*7. Rawsonville School house request from the Rawson Family.*

Steve Rawson gave a brief presentation on the Rawsonville school. He is the president of the foundation. They have cleaned out the school house and have been holding reunions there again.

They are asking that the town:

- a) Take over the mowing of the grounds. (They have been paying to have the grass cut).
- b) There are some old maple trees hanging over the building that should be cut back.
- c) Possibly build a bathroom in the school.
- d) Widen the doorway for handicap access.

The first steps would be to research who owns the land that the monument is on and explore picking up the cost of the mowing.

*8. Review for adoption: New Road and Bridge Standards.*

They have combined the old standards and clean water act.

Tom made a motion to accept the new road & bridge standards. Seconded by Greg, passed.

*9. Discuss the citizen proposal for speed bumps on Depot St.*

Tom said he has spoken to a lot of residents, some want the speed bumps but most do not want them.

Dana suggested a three way stop where the roads meet at Water Street and Depot Street. Marianne said she would like to have speed bumps of Pikes Falls Road as well.

Tom said he would call the sheriff's office to get the data from the cart.

Crosswalks might be a cheaper option to try and slow people down.

*10. Discuss citizen concerns about the use of the Town Office Property: parking vs. landscaping.*

No interested parties were at the meeting. No discussion was had.

*11. Work at the town hall*

Stewart Barker has started the work on the sill at the town hall. One of the initial sills to be fixed was not as bad as originally assessed but one of the ones in the back is in rough shape. He is going to fix the one in the back instead of one of the ones previously discussed. The cost should be around his initial bid.

BMW painters are going to work on painting the town hall ceiling. They would like to work days that it rains. Judy suggested that they might have to wait until September because there are a lot of events happening at the town hall in the next couple of

months.

*12. Transportation Committee*

The bridge to Jamaica State Park was taken off of the fast list but Joel is trying to get it put back onto the list. Joel said there is federal access grant program and it can be used with the road & bridge standards. He will send more information to the Selectboard.

*13. Deputy Health Officer*

Joel Beckwith formerly held this position but has moved out of town. Anyone interested should contact the town clerk. Andy will be getting done in September.

*14. Award the bid for the Town Water search.*

There were three bids for the water project from Wright Pierce, Otter Creek, and VHB.

There was a suggestion to send the warning to all of the voters in Jamaica.

A discussion was had about the original date of August 13, 2019. Some felt it would not give enough time to get enough information out to the voters. It was suggested to have an informational meeting before the actual vote. It would give people time between to decide how to vote but it might also be difficult for people to make it to two different meetings.

Tom made a motion to contract with VHB for the water project. Seconded by Greg, passed.

*15. Approve the Warning for the Town vote on continuing the search for a water supply.*

Tom said he would like to delay the special town meeting until September or October.

He would also like to see options of ways to pay for the water.

He would also like to address adding a fire district which would consist of all those who will benefit from the water system. Who will pay for the water system, the whole town or only those who will benefit from it?

Paul made a motion that asked the board to warn the special town meeting for Tuesday, August 13, 2019, for article 1 only. If it passes then go forward with the other articles.

Seconded by Andy, did not pass.

A new date of Tuesday, September 17, 2019 was decided.

Paul made a motion that asked the board to warn the special town meeting for Tuesday, September 17, 2019, for article 1 only. If it passes then go forward with the other articles.

Seconded by Andy, passed.

Tom would like the full report from VHB to be available on our website.

*16. Time for Public concerns.*

Shirley Smith talked about how three different neighbors were setting off fireworks on the fourth of July. She was burnt by the debris on her arm.

Dana said that in the state of Vermont all fireworks are illegal except for sparklers and other novelty smoke makers. He also said there is a permit process to set off fireworks. People should get the proper permits and have the area checked out ahead of time. It is up to law enforcement to shut down illegal fireworks but they must be contacted if you want them to show up.

Rebecca said she would like to see the water study bid on the website and that the more information we get to everyone, the better.

Tom made a motion to adjourn at 9:50 p.m. Seconded by Greg, passed.

Submitted by Sara Wiswall