

Jamaica Selectboard Minutes September 23, 2019

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

Public Present: Robert Willis, Lou Brusco, Rich Melanson (BCTV) and Sara Wiswall
(Town Clerk)

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

1. Call for any late additions to the agenda.

Greg had a couple of announcements. Judy had an update on the town hall.

2. Approve the minutes of the Sept. 9th Selectboard meeting.

Tom made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Judy.

Paul said that under number 11, the wording is off and we should delete the end of the sentence that began with "at a substantial disadvantage."

Tom made a motion to accept the amendment. Seconded by Judy, 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 approve Errors and Omissions from the Listers.

Parcel 000B-5 and parcel 000B-6 are contiguous and owned by the same people and should be combined into one parcel. The listers would like to combine the two parcels to parcel 000B-5 and change the value from \$294,800 to \$299,700 with a housesite value of \$168,500.

Parcel 000R-6.1 has two houses on the property, one is a rental and the other is their primary residence. The housesite was on the rental, not their home.

The listers request to change the primary house from the rental to the house they live in, changing the homestead value from \$165,400 to \$314,400 and the housesite value from \$122,500 to \$171,500.

Tom made a motion to change parcel 000B-6 from value \$294,800 to \$299,700 and to change parcel 000R-6.1's homestead value from \$165,400 to \$314,400 and to change the housesite value from \$122,500 to \$171,500. Seconded by Greg, passed.

6. Discuss the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan public meeting next Monday and the "Action Tracker" form.

The meeting will be on October 7, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the town office.

The plan contains things that the town can do to prevent hazards, there is a list of mitigations and what progress we have made on them. It is also to prevent future damage. There will be a second meeting on November 4, 2019.

7. Hear from the Cemetery Committee.

They are trying to get things together and hope to have a meeting next week.

8. Discuss a list of questions to be addressed at the Water Project Town Meeting.

The Town Meeting on the Water Project will be Tuesday, October 15, 2019.

The company that was selected to do the work, VHB, will be at the meeting as will Chris Campany from Windham Regional Commission.

There are many questions to be asked and answered concerning the water project.

The Selectboard decided to send a mailer out with information and to also put a F.A.Q. (frequently asked questions) on the town website. The Selectboard also encourages the voters to bring any questions to the meeting.

Tom and Greg will work on the postcard. "Vote that night" should be on the mailer.

9. Don't forget: Taxes are due Oct 1st.

Taxes are due by 4:00 p.m. October 1, 2019.

10. Greg said Thank you to all who pulled off Old Home Day.

There will be a hazardous waste day on Saturday, October 19 from 8 a.m. to noon. There are two locations, Brattleboro WSW and Stratton Transfer Station.

Judy said the Town Hall ceiling will be done in the month of November.

The outside work on the town hall should be finished by the end of September.

11. Public Concerns:

Rob Willis said South Hill Road is rough and wanted to know if the road crew will be working on it. South Hill is a class 3 road so there is no money from the state for it.

Paul will talk to the road crew tomorrow.

Tom said he spoke with Sherriff Anderson and that they could not get the data.

Tom "I move to find that premature general knowledge of this issue would clearly place said personnel at a substantial disadvantage, because the Selectboard would potentially give information if it discusses said issue in public." Seconded by Greg.

Tom "I move that we enter into executive session to discuss said personnel issue under the provisions on Title 1, Section 313(a)(1)(A) of the Vermont Statutes." Seconded by Judy, passed.

Executive session began at 7:44 p.m.

End executive session at 8:22 p.m.

Tom made a motion to give the listers a 2% COLA adjustment, seconded by Judy, approved.

Discussion on cancelling the October 14th Selectboard meeting, the meeting will remain as scheduled.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Submitted by Sara Wiswall