

Jamaica Selectboard Minutes

November 11, 2019

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

Public Present: Joel Bluming, Bob Stomski (Fire Chief), Dana West (Assistant Fire Chief), 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.

- a. executive session for the Muzzy fund
- b. letter from the Planning Commission

2. Approve the minutes of the Oct. 28th Selectboard meeting.

Under number 8, "involved with the water study," should read, "were not given opportunity to be a part of the planning of the Town Meeting for the water study and not given the opportunity to present at the meeting."

Under number 7B, it should say that Joel & Greg met with people from Vtrans and now have a better understanding of the process surrounding bridge #32.

Greg made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Seconded by Tom, passed 3-1.

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. Letter from VT Attorney General re: class action law suit re: opioid epidemic.

The Attorney General has a class action lawsuit against the makers and sellers of opioids. If the town wants to be a part of the lawsuit, then we do not have to do anything or the town can choose to opt out. The town would get about \$400 if the lawsuit was successful.

Judy made a motion to join the statewide group of towns to make statements on the opioid crisis in Jamaica. Tom seconded.

Andy doesn't feel as a Selectboard member that is something to get involved with.

Motion does not pass 2-3.

6. Update on Town Hall repairs and new findings.

The water system in the Town Hall has been a problem for years, the pipes freeze in the winter months. The heat is kept on in the bathroom but the water still freezes.

They have been hesitant to use heat tape because of fire. The insulation is messed up underneath the bathroom. Stewart Barker gave an estimate for \$1500 to fix the insulation around the

bathroom pipes.

Judy made a motion to hire Stewart Barker to fix the bathroom water supply in order to keep the bathroom from freezing in the winter months. Seconded by Andy, passed.

7. Update on the Mill bldg. progress: Memorandum of Understanding with the Town, and a draft Volunteer Agreement.

The insurance for the roof paid out an additional \$1,000 for the money that was spent last summer to patch the roof. They will be able to pay all of the winning bid with the insurance payout.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is what the group will do and what the town will do.

The town will own the building, continue to insure the building and be able to use the building as needed.

The mill committee will do fundraising, write grants and organize volunteer days to clean up the building.

Tom made a motion to accept the MOU as presented. Seconded by Judy, passed with the change of township to town.

They would like to have a volunteer day; the volunteers would be covered under the insurance.

Tom made a motion to support the mill committee 's volunteer project. Seconded by Greg, passed.

The Mill Committee:

Mission Statement-To create an economic, cultural, educational and multipurpose facility that is a recognized, vibrant, engaging destination and landmark for markets, events, arts, workshops, exhibits and history in the Jamaica Community.

Vision Statement- Our vision is to preserve the last physical manifestation of the 19th century millworks, which represent the heyday of Jamaica's water-powered prowess.

8. Set dates for the annual Budget preparation meetings.

The first budget meeting will be on Sunday, November 24, 2019 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

9. Time for public concerns

Bob Stomski said that the fire department had done traffic control on November 1, for 8 hours.

His concern was what if there had been a fire during this time. He would like to see the road crew more involved with road closures. The fire chief, assistant fire chief, EMD and road foreman will get together to discuss this.

At 8:15 p.m. Tom "I move to find that premature general knowledge of Muzzy Fund request would clearly place said applicant at a substantial disadvantage, because the Selectboard could give away information if it discusses this in public." Seconded by Paul. Tom "I move that we enter into executive session to discuss the Muzzy Fund request under the provisions of Title 1, Section 313(a)(1)(A) of the Vermont Statutes." Seconded by Paul, passed.

End executive session at 8:24 p.m.

The board approved an appropriation from the Muzzy Fund for heating assistance for a local resident.

Regular meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Submitted by Sara Wiswall