

## **Jamaica Minutes**

### **June 22, 2020**

Selectboard Present; Greg Meulemans (chair), Andy Coyne (vice-chair), Tom Tolbert, Paul Fraser and Jessica Pollack

Public Present: Joel Bluming, Ruch Melanson (bctv), John Sohikian, Brian Zieroff, Terri Garland (Treasurer), Amy Duffy, Lou Brusio, Heather Bartel, Chris Robbins and Hazel Denton

Greg called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

#### *Call for any late additions to the agenda*

Terri will speak about where the town is at in the end of the fiscal year.

#### *Approve the minutes from the June 8, Selectboard meeting*

Under number 5, the last sentence there is a typo.

Tom made a motion to approve the minutes from June 8th, seconded by Jessica. 4-1 motion carries.

#### *Review time sheets for town office, listers, highway and transfer station*

They are up on the drive. Greg will sign off them later this week.

#### *Review pay orders*

Greg will sign them later in the week.

#### *Updates and discussion regarding COVID-19 and town operations*

Dan mentioned that we do not have an alternate to fill in at the transfer station. Bill does not feel comfortable with being at the transfer station because of covid-19.

Greg suggests continuing as we are. The next selectboard meeting might be a highbred, with some people coming in that are comfortable meeting in person. The first meeting in July will be in the Town Hall.

#### *Review and act on Windham County Humane Society Contract*

The town has had a long relationship with the humane society.

Andy made a motion to sign the Windham County Humane Society contract, seconded by Tom. All in favor.

#### *Review and act on Windham County Sherriff's Contract*

There was a small increase in fees. Their hourly rate went up by \$1.00.

Andy made a motion to sign the Windham County Sherriff's contract, seconded by Tom. All in favor.

#### *Review speeding concerns in town*

Some people are hesitant to call the sheriff's department with concerns, but they should.

One suggestion was to paint stripes on the road to slow people down. Signs are not highly effective. The portable radar cart might be an option.

There was a stop sign at the bottom of South Hill, maybe one could be put up again. Tom looked into radar signs last year, but they were about \$9,000. Someone suggested putting in islands to slow people down as they come into town. There are concerns from many citizens around town that there are speeding issues. There have also been some ATV's on River Road and they are watching them. Should a committee be formed to look at all the options of what can be done? Paul would like to be on the committee. Please email any ideas to Greg Meulemans.

#### *Update on Rawsonville Monument and School House*

Lou had gone through all the deeds pertaining to this issue. The current owner is a loose association of the Rawson Family. It is an exception from only one deed. Lou and Jessica are going to try and see the site and see what the physical area is. They would like better information on the size of the lot, impact on taxes, etc. Then they will come back to the board for the next meeting.

#### *Review bids and award contract for trash and recycling services for the town of Jamaica*

Comparing the two, the pricing is pretty close. Triple T does not do double hauls. Triple T also collects organics differently, they are placed in bags and then put into the regular trash disposal.

The containers we have now belong to Casella.

Andy made a motion to accept the Triple T bid, seconded by Tom. All in favor.

#### *Update on Communication Union District (CUD)*

There was a meeting last week. DB Fiber is now the trade name. Guildford, Windham and Brattleboro have all joined the CUD. There are funds available through grants that are being looked into.

#### *Update on technology related issues including office and public wi-fi networks*

The network update is finished at the town office. There is also a guest network that works in the parking lot. Tom loaded the SSL on the website. Backups are running and everything is running on windows 10.

#### *Discuss Community Septic Initiative*

The Planning Commission is trying to move forward with the town plan. They are looking at a community septic system. They are preparing an information packet for the Selectboard. It will give information on funding, size, etc.

#### *Review letter from Peter Andrus*

There was a letter from Peter Andrus, he owns a piece of property in Rawsonville. There were some tires dumped on the town right of way. He picked them up and would like to be reimbursed for the disposal of the tires.

Greg made a motion to offer a credit to the transfer station for Peter. This is not standard procedure, anything like this should be brought to the board before. Seconded by Tom. 4 yes, 1 abstention.

This is a one-time occurrence.

#### *Review Sign Applications*

Greg nominated John Sohikian as the sign administrator for the Town of Jamaica, seconded by Tom. 4 yes, 1 abstention.

*School District Budget Vote, June 30, 2020*

The next school vote will be on June 30, 2020.

*Other public concerns*

Poison Parsnip- is the town addressing this problem? It had been brought up to put the roadside mowing bids out earlier to help deal with this. Greg will get in touch with Keith to see what else we can do.

There was a situation on Route 30 bridge last Saturday that happened during a protest. There was an instance with a citizen and the sheriff's department. The governor has said as long as they are not illegal, destructive or derogatory, that peaceful protests are okay. The board does not have an opinion on this if nothing illegal is being done.

Andy moved to adjourn at 8:56 p.m.

Submitted by Sara Wiswall