

Town of Jamaica, VT
Selectboard Minutes
July 13, 2020

Meeting held via Zoom and in person at the Town Hall.

Members present: Greg Meulemans, Chair, Paul Fraser, Andrew Coyne, Tom Tolbert and Jessica Pollack.

Public: Chris Robbins, Joel Bluming, John Sohikian and Bob Stomski.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:05 PM.

Late addition to the Agenda – Speeding on Route 30.

Andrew Coyne moved to approve the June 22, 2020 minutes as written, Jessica Pollack second. All in favor.

Time sheets and pay orders were reviewed by the board, Greg Meulemans will come into the office to sign them per a previous vote.

Chris Robbins spoke about the progress with the DVCUD:

- CV Fiber is involved with 5 CUD's throughout Vermont.
- A \$10,000.00 grant may be available through the VT Community Foundation.
- Gov. Scott has signed a bill to appropriate \$100,000.00 to CUD's around the State.
- The DVCUD would like to build a pre-subscription list from area property owners, those on the list would be connected immediately when the cable is installed on a road instead of having to wait for a group of subscribers to come online.
- Chris Robbins and John Sohikian have been appointed as Star Link monitors as part of the Vendor Committee.

Tom Tolbert moved to adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan for Jamaica, Andrew Coyne second. All in favor. The Board members will come to the office to sign the final document.

There are ongoing issues with the organics collection at the Transfer Station. We have the option of going back to Casella for organics only.

Paul Fraser gave an update on the COVID-19 statistics to date. There have been exposures in Londonderry and Manchester recently. Office operations should stay the way they are for now.

Speeding issues continue in the Village, Joel Bluming made suggestions such as signs that give drivers there speed and say slow down if going too fast; more speed limit signs along Route 30; crosswalks should be painted more frequently; contact commercial drivers that seem to be speeding. Paul Fraser suggested putting rumble strips on Pikes Falls Road where the speed limit changes. Andy Coyne will contact the Sheriff's Dept. about putting their speed box out in different areas to show people how fast they are going and hopefully collect the data of the traffic.

The Town will contact VTrans about what can be done on Route 30. Also get the Road Commissioner involved with this.

Jessica Pollack spoke about the Rawson monument adjacent to the Rawsonville School property. It appears that the rectangular piece of land that the monument is on is owned by the Rawson's and Susan Rice. Jessica made a motion to approach both owners to see if they would donate the land to the Town of Jamaica, Tom Tolbert second. All in favor.

Planning Commission is working a comprehensive fact sheet about the Community Septic Project.

The Jamaica Arts Council would like to have an outdoor concert by The Specker's on the lawn at the Rawsonville School on July 23rd.

Signage on the Glass Shop and the former Asta's building do not conform to the Town's sign ordinance. John Sohikian, Sign Administrator has been in contact with owner and is waiting for an answer. Town Office will look up deeds to see what the ownership is.

Bob Stomski presented a COVID-19 update. Hamilton Falls is a very dangerous place and the State of Vermont should be encouraged to keep people from the area. Would like to establish fines for excessive automatic fire alarm calls. The Fire Department would like to install a large cistern in the back of the Firehouse to provide more firefighting capability in the Village.

Tom Tolbert moved to adjourn the meeting, Andrew Coyne second. All in favor.

Adjourned at 8:53 PM

Respectfully submitted by

Terri Bills Garland