

Town Meeting Minutes  
May 1, 2021

Greg Joly called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Greg read the warning. "The legal voters of the Town of Jamaica, in the County of Windham and State of Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at 1:00 p.m. at the Town Garage in said town of Jamaica, on the first Saturday of May, May 1st, 2021, to transact the following business and act upon the following articles."

Please sign in if you want to vote on the articles.

*Article 1: To elect a Moderator for a term of one year.*

Paul Fraser made a motion to nominate Greg Joly as Moderator for a term of one year, seconded by Fran Janik. Motion passes.

*Article 2: To act on the town report.*

Patrick McQuillan made a motion to act on the town report, seconded by Tom Tolbert. Judy Flower called the question. Article passes.

*Article 3: To elect the following officers as required by law.*

A. *Selectperson for a term of three years (by ballot)*

Bob Stomski nominated Paul Fraser. Clara Robinson nominated Jessica Pollack. Bob Stone nominated Katherine Ullman.

Kate-5

Jessica- 42

Paul-21

Jessica Pollack was elected for a 3-year term for Selectboard.

B. *Selectperson for a term of one year (by ballot)*

Karen Ameden nominates Tom Tolbert. Bob Stomski nominated Paul Fraser. Bob Stone nominated Kate Ullman.

Kate-11

Paul-10

Tom-49

Tom Tolbert was elected for a one-year term for Selectboard.

*C. Selectperson for a term of one year (by ballot)*

Bob Stomski nominated Paul Fraser. Erica Bowman nominated Kate Ullman.

Paul- 50

Kate- 20

Kate Ullman was elected for a one-year term of Selectboard.

*D. Lister for a term of three years (by ballot)*

Margaret Miller nominated Val Pantorno. Motion made for the clerk to cast one ballot for Val Pantorno. Val Pantorno was elected for a 3-year term as Lister.

*E. Lister for one year of a three-year term (by ballot)*

Margaret Miller nominated Micah Eberhardt. Motion for the clerk to cast one ballot for Micah Eberhardt for lister for one year. Micah Eberhardt was elected for one year of a three-year term as Lister.

*F. Lister for two years of a three-year term (by ballot)*

CJ King nominated Pat Meulemans. Motion for the clerk to cast one ballot for Pat Meulemans for two year of a three-year term. Pat Meulemans was elected lister for two years of a three-year term.

*G. 1<sup>st</sup> Constable for a term of one year*

Tom Tolbert nominated Rob Willis, seconded by Bob Stone. Motion carries. Rob Willis is elected 1<sup>st</sup> Constable for a term of one year.

*H. 2<sup>nd</sup> Constable for a term of one year*

Rob Willis nominated Ben Williams, seconded by Jackie Brown. Motion carries. Ben Williams was elected 2<sup>nd</sup> Constable for a term of one year.

*I. Town Grand Juror for a term of one year*

Erica Bowman nominated Rob Willis. Bonnie West nominated Steve Clark.

Steve-29

Rob-37

Rob Willis was elected Town Grand Juror for a one-year term.

*J. Town Agent for a term of one year*

Karen Ameden nominated Peter Andrus. Motion carries. Peter Andrus was elected as Town Agent for a one-year term.

*K. Trustee of Public Funds for a term of one year*

CJ King nominated Rob Willis. Paul Fraser nominated Steve Clark.

Rob- 32

Steve- 28

Rob Willis was elected Trustee of Public Funds for a one-year term.

*L. Agent to Deed Land for a term of one year*

Stephanie Amyot nominated Rob Willis. Motion to close nominations. Rob Willis was elected Trustee of Public Funds for a one-year term.

*M. Library Trustee for a term of five years*

Ed Dorta-Duque nominated Jennifer Dorta-Duque. Jennifer Dorta-Duque was elected Library Trustee for a term of five-years.

*N. Library Trustee for a term of two years*

Jen Dorta-Duque nominated Bonnie West. Bonnie West was elected Library Trustee for a term of two-years.

*O. Library Trustee for a term of two years*

Jen Dorta-Duque nominated Alice Abraham. Alice Abraham was elected Library Trustee for term of two-years.

*P. School Director for West River Modified Union Education District for a term of two years.*

Many nominations were made before anyone accepted including Stephanie Amyot, Ed Dorta-Duque, Keighan Eaker, Greg Joly, Dana West and Drew Hazelton.

Motion withdrawn to close nomination.

Elinor Katz nominated Ann Dubosque.

Drew Hazelton nominated Karen Ameden, declined.

Caroline Persson nominated Heather Bartels.

Elinor withdrew her nomination.

Heather Bartels has been elected to the WRMUED board.

*Article 4: To see what sum of money the Voters will vote to pay the Town's running expenses, and how it will be collected.*

Ed Dorta-Duque moved the article, seconded by Andy.

\$1,089,844.38 to be raised by taxes. Bonnie made a motion to spend a total of \$1,389,730.00 of which \$1,089,844.38 is to be raised by taxation for the running expenses of the town and this along with

anticipated receipts of \$299,885.62 equaling a budget of \$1,389,730. With payment due on October 1, 2021. The delinquency will begin on October 2 with an 8% penalty added by state law, plus interest at the rate of 1% will be added starting December 1, 2021 until paid in full.

Ed moved to vote. Article passed.

*Article 5: To see if the Voters will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.*

Ed Dorta-Duque made a motion to authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article passes.

*Article 6: Shall the Voters authorize the Selectboard to spend “unanticipated funds such as grants, gifts and/or interest”?*

Ed Dorta-Duque made a motion to authorize the Selectboard to spend unanticipated funds. Article passes.

*Article 7: Article: Shall the Voters exempt the Jamaica Volunteer Fire & Rescue, Inc. land and building from taxation for a period of five years as provided in Title 32 Section 3840 V.S.A.?*

Ed Dorta-Duque made a motion to exempt the Jamaica Volunteer Fire & Rescue Inc's land and building from taxation for a period of five years, Seconded by CJ King. Article passes.

*Article 8: To set the time for the opening of the next Annual Town Meeting, to be held on the first Tuesday in March 2021.*

Ed Dotra-Duque moved to amend to March 2022.

Bob Stomski would like to have Town Meeting on a Saturday, which would be March 5 at 1:00 p.m. Motion fails 12 in favor -34 opposed.

Town meeting will be March 1, 2022 at 10 a.m.

Article passes.

*Article 9: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.*

Thank you to Paul Fraser for all his service to the town.

Rob Willis, please register your dog, we have been lenient since covid but will start issuing fines. We also have a leash law in the entire town.

Dana West thanked Keighan for her time on the board and he welcomes Heather. Keighan put a lot of time in.

Alice Abraham would like to thank Lou Bruso for all he has done for the town.

Pat Meulemans, reminder today is Green Up day but it can be done anytime.

Jackie Brown is publishing the Jamaica Journal every month. [Jamaicajournal.info](http://Jamaicajournal.info)

Drew Hazelton- Rescue Inc has a clinic tomorrow at Newbrook Fire Dept tomorrow. Show up between 9-3 tomorrow.

Drew is back on the school board Please get involved.

Margaret Miller- Nancy Jean is going to do Tommyfest on Saturday, July 3.

Dana would like to thank the Selectboard for dedicating the town report to his father.

Janine Stone thanks Jackie Brown for the newsletter she is doing.

Jamaica Old Home day is in the plans for this year, in September. Reach out to Karen Ameden or Ann Dubosque for more info or to help out.

Tom Tolbert motion to adjourn at 2:35

Submitted by Sara Wiswall