

Selectboard Minutes

May 10, 2021

Selectboard Present: Greg Meulemans, Tom Tolbert, Andy Coyne, Jessica Pollack and Kate Ullman

Public Present: Paul Fraser, Joel Bluming, Bryan Zieroff, Rich Melanson (BCTV)

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

Organization Meeting:

The first item is to elect Selectboard officers.

Tom made a motion to elect Greg as chair of the board, seconded by Jessica. All in favor, one abstained. Motion passes, Greg Meulemans was elected chair of the Selectboard.

Greg made a motion to nominate Andy Coyne as assistant chair, seconded by Tom. All in favor. Andy Coyne was elected vice-chair of the Selectboard.

Town Appointments:

Fence Viewer- Tom Tolbert

Animal Control Officer- Rob Willis

Surveyors of Wood, Lumber & Weigher of Coal- vacant

Tree Warden- Ben Williams

Health Officer- Chair of the Selectboard

Deputy Health Officer- vacant

Cemetery Sextons:

South Windham- L. Bruce Chapin

West Jamaica, South Hill & Pikes Falls- Karen Ameden

Rawsonville- Nelson Coleman

East Jamaica- Steve Gleason

Emergency Management Director- Paul Fraser

Rescue Inc. Rep- Stewart Barker

Energy Coordinator- Tom Tolbert

Flood Zone Administrator- vacant

Windham Regional Commissioners- Joel Bluming and Andy Coyne

Planning Commission Zoning Board Adjustment- Christopher Robbins, Brian Zieroff, Patrick McQuillan, John Sohikian and Scott Gordon

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Recreation Committee- Bob Johnson and Kate Ullman

Village Beautification- Karen Ameden, Joe Dumas, Lexa Clark & Kate Ullman

Fire Warden- Stewart Barker

Assistant Fire Warden- Bob Stomski

911 Coordinator- Erica Bowman

Senior Solutions- Jeannine Stone (Alice Abraham said she would do it) Greg will reach out and see if Jeannine is still interested.

WSWMD- Greg Meulemans

Newspaper on record: Brattleboro Reformer

Transfer Station assistant/WSWMD assistant: Jessica Pollack

Town Hall: Tom Tolbert

Town Office: Jessica Pollack

Sheriff Department Liaison: Andy Coyne

Discussion of road commissioner being a member of the board.

Road Commissioner: Lexa Clark

Greg called the regular meeting to order at 7:47 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

1. Call for any late additions to the agenda

- A. IT updates
- B. Laura Stone would like to schedule an appointment for update on Bridge 32
- C. Executive session
- D. Paid Time off days

2. Approve the minutes from the April 26th Selectboard meeting

Tom made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Andy. Robbin Gibson's name is spelled with 2 B's. Motion to approve the minutes as amended. Passed.

3. Update on Community Septic and financing options

They sent an application for a planning grant to the state. We are town number one, the first application to be considered on July 1st. The other option is a loan program. There is money being allocated by the state with 100 percent forgiveness. The Planning Commission is applying for this. Whatever the best option is, they will go with that. With all the covid money, they might be able to get a forgivable grant and not have to pay anything back.

It would be the smallest level of a community system, under 6500 gallons a day.

4. Update/Discussion Pikes Falls Music Festival

Susanna Lowey reached out to Tom about the festival. They want to find options for summer, perhaps having two outdoor shows and two indoor shows. The board is fine with outdoor concerts and would be willing to allow indoor if they follow current guidelines from the state.

5. Discussion/Decision regarding Library mowing and plantings

Discussion on library landscaping. Is the town responsible? Dennis can mow the land. Can they hire Heather to do the planting? Kate is now on the beautification committee and will try figure out a way to get some stuff planted at the library.

6. Discussion Rte 30 Speed Signs

An application needs to be done. Tom would like to put one up farther down on Depot Street. There are still two signs that can be installed.

Greg made a motion to authorize Tom to spearhead a committee to find locations for the other signs with input from Keith, seconded by Jessica. All in favor.

7. Update/Decision Rawson Bridge

Moved to the next meeting. Robert Simmons sent an update on the bridge.

8. Updates regarding proposed changes to Traffic Ordinance

Charlie has some proposed revisions for the traffic ordinance. Greg will forward the information on to the rest of the board.

IT: Tom talked to the person for the hot spot in Jamaica. They are trying to get funding from the state and then we would not have to pay for it. They have given a 30 day extension.

Town Meeting video is on the website.

Tom is also looking into getting a .gov website which would involve changing our website and email addresses.

The town employees have paid time off left. Should they be allowed to carry it over into the next fiscal year? Will it affect the budget? Tabled until the next meeting.

9. Review time sheets for town office, listers, highway and transfer station

10. Review pay orders

11. Other public concerns

Joel said the town should think of the value of a bus route through Jamaica, from Brattleboro up to Stratton.

12. Executive Session if needed

Greg made a motion to move into executive session at 8:39 p.m. because of a need to resolve an issue that may be confidential to said individual, seconded by Tom. All in favor.

Tom made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Jessica.

Exit executive session at 8:50 p.m.

No decision made.

Submitted by Sara Wiswall