

Selectboard Minutes August 23, 2021

*Meeting to be held at the Jamaica Town Office and virtually through a video conference **

Selectboard Present: Tom Tolbert, Andy Coyne (vice-chair), Greg Meulemans, Jessica Pollack, and Kate Ullman

Public Present: Terri Garland (Treasurer), Fran Janik, Paul Fraser, Kristen Wilson, Alice Abraham, Christine Healy, Anne DuBosque, Marianne Skodney and Jacob Deutsch

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

1. Call for any late additions to the agenda

Appointment for school board member

2. Approve the minutes from the August 9th Selectboard meeting

Tom made a motion to approve the August 9th minutes, seconded by Andy. All in favor.

3. Update/discussion on roads and repair after flooding

All the roads are passable but are not finished, cannot be finished until FEMA comes in and approves the projects. The preliminary assessment was done but it has not been declared an emergency as of now. The engineer will be out Thursday afternoon.

4. Decision and selection of Bridge 32 alternative

Tom would like to have a new bridge put in as it would serve all the needs of the community. The tax increase could be a problem for some taxpayers.

We still have a bond on the town garage along with money we didn't recuperate from Irene. The school tax put a hold on the penalty for overspending per student for two years.

There is one option to refurbish the bridge that would allow fire trucks to be able to go over the bridge. It would be good for up to 40,000 pounds. The limit now is 16,000 pounds.

Jessica would like to raise some money now to prepare for the cost.

Discussion on where the bridge would go and if it infringes on any homeowners.

Alice Abraham lives on the other side of the bridge; she is concerned about seeing two bridges and having to maintain them. She would rather the town refurbished the bridge

that is there. Chris would like to see it refurbished as long as it is safe and the weight is high enough for things like septic trucks. She would like it to be refurbished if it is safe. Kristen agreed with Alice and is swaying toward the refurbished, she is hesitant on having two bridges as well.

Christina's mom represented them at the meeting and she said they would like to see the bridge refurbished and are concerned about losing some of their land.

Tom made a motion to recommend to VTrans to go with the refurbishment of bridge 32 at a cost of \$154,000. Seconded by Andy. All in favor.

5. Set dates associated with Cannabis re-vote

Tom made a motion to set the date for October 19, 2021 to revote on the cannabis sales in the town of Jamaica, seconded by Jessica. All in favor.

6. Public concerns

Paul Fraser is here as EMD, he said that the storm Henri is here and is going away. We will get some rain but hopefully not enough to cause any emergencies.

Do we have a permit to move the water back on Water Street, in front of Tom's house?

Terri had asked to include it in the permit. The rip rap was put back to pre-disaster conditions. It needed to be protected.

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

8. Review pay orders

Tom motion to adjourn at 8:03 p.m.

Submitted by Sara Wiswall