

November 22, 2021  
Selectboard Minutes

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

Public Present: Paul Fraser, Sherriff Mark Anderson

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

*1. Call for any late additions to the agenda*

No late additions.

*2. Approve the minutes from the November 8th Selectboard meeting*

Tom made a motion to accept the minutes from November 8, 2021, seconded by Kate. Greg amended that the planning commission is working on **amending** the town plan, not readopting. All in favor.

*3. Conversation with Sherriff Anderson, Windham County Sherriff's Department*

There was a rate increase this year. There will be a full-time position between Jamaica and Londonderry. One problem is that rural policing in Vermont has been underfunded.

Our recent deputy has left for another agency, a replacement is in the works. There is still someone patrolling in Jamaica now.

Last fiscal year, because of personal shortages, they still owe us some additional hours. They had offered to refund the funds that were not used but the board wanted to use the hours.

Andy asked if they patrolled all of Jamaica, or just the village. It was confirmed that they do patrol East Jamaica as well.

They are working to shift to the weekend with patrol. Other towns had requested weekend hours and they are working to make it happen.

*4. Confirm Regional Emergency Management Committee nominations*

Paul is our local Emergency Management Director. Windham Regional is starting a committee. The state has mandated all EMD's be on the committee, and they want the towns to appoint a second individual. They did this to get enough people for a quorum. Two people from each town will be on the committee but they can vote for each other if only one of them shows up. There was a program called LEPC (Local

Emergency Planning Committee). It was dissolved but our region continued to meet for the local resources.

Now they are making the formalities. Tom made a motion to confirm Paul Fraser and Domenic Mangano to the Regional Emergency Management Committee, seconded by Kate. All in favor.

*5. Discussion/decision town garbage bags*

It has been an ongoing issue to find town bags for the transfer station. Terri put an order in in August, but they are unable to fulfill the order. There are issues with supplies and the types of bags we get. Kate asked about biodegradable bags. When they checked previously, they were expensive and did not last long. It is something to look into again. The board decided to have Terri order some of the generic bags until we can get our regular ones again.

*6. Update/timeline Town Plan Amendment process*

The planning commission voted to recommend amendments to the town plan. The idea was to have the Selectboard meeting in mid-January and we would warn the meeting at the first meeting in December.

*7. Budget working meeting set for December 5th*

The budget working meeting on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 p.m.

*8. Public concerns*

No public comments.

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

*10. Review pay orders*

Tom made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by Sara Wiswall