

Selectboard Minutes July 25, 2022

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

Public Present: Paul Fraser, Karen Ameden, Heidi Pancake and Dave Marx

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

1. Call for any late additions to the agenda

Specification on number 4, Approve final draft of hearing notice, set the hearing date and time, and times for site visits for proposed road and trail discontinuances and reclassification.

2. Approve the minutes from the July 11th Selectboard Meeting

Tom made a motion approve the minutes from July 11th, seconded by Kate.

Under number 3- owed on not of

5- Esther has an H in her name, not no air in bags but circulating around

Bags should be plural

Number 6- execute should be executive

Apple tv, apple should be capitalized

Number 8- Charlie offered to do it himself, scratch working on own

At end- out executive session at 8:45

Item 9 was tabled to this meeting.

Meeting ended at 8:48 p.m.

Tom made a motion to accept the corrected, amended minutes, seconded by Kate. All in favor.

3. Update from the Jamaica Area Mount Bike Association (JAMBA)

Heidi Pancake is the chairperson of JAMBA. They are a chapter of the Vermont mountain bike association. Karen Ameden is vice-chair and David Marx is the secretary. They submitted a proposal for trails in the park and a challenge partnership agreement at Ball Mountain Dam. They have hired a professional trail building company, he will begin designing trails this week. They are fundraising. They met with Winhall Selectboard about Municipal Forest that is in Jamaica and Winhall.

They are in the early stages of bringing old trails back, starting with contacting landowners. They have also obtained two grants.

Their statement is "The Jamaica Area Mountain Bike Alliance seeks to create and

steward a sustainable network of trails for human-powered use that supports community health, economic development and outdoor recreation opportunities based in Jamaica, Vermont and connecting our neighboring communities.”

The website is JAMBAVT.org

4. Set the hearing date(s) for Road Reclassifications

There needs to be a site visit to each of the roads, the board will need to have a quorum. Greg proposed we do the site visits in two groups, then meet at 7 p.m. at night for the hearing.

They would start on Turkey Mountain, then reconvene on Howard Road, break for lunch then go up to Hollow Road and Blake Road.

Greg is suggesting the early part of September.

Greg said “I move to approve the final draft, as distributed to Board members prior to this meeting, of the "Town of Jamaica Notice of Hearing Re: Reclassification and discontinuance of highways and legal trail in Jamaica Vermont" as written, and to set the date for the site visits and public hearing as September 21,2022, and the time for the first site visit at 9:30 a.m., the time for the reconvened site visit at 1 p.m., and the public hearing at 7 p.m.” Seconded by Tom, all in favor.

5. Review and sign Municipal Tax Rate, Review State Education Tax Rate

The Selectboard needs to sign off on the municipal rate that Terri has given.

Resident: 2.3726

Non-resident: 2.0474

Tom made a motion to accept the tax rate as set by the treasurer, seconded by Kate. All in favor.

6. Review proposal for new office copier

Tom made a motion to authorize Sara to contract with Symquest for 4 years for \$172.35 a month for a new copier, seconded by Andy. All in favor.

7. Notification of proposed solar project for Tony Lane, August 22 deadline for comment period

There is a project in motion to build a solar field on Tony’s Lane. The Planning Commission will receive notification and make a recommendation to the Selectboard to make sure it is in line with the Town Plan. It will be on the Planning Commission agenda on August 1, 2022.

8. Town website

The town website is currently broken, so the most recent agenda and minutes are not on there. Tom has been working with GoDaddy to get things fixed. He is hoping by the

end of the week it will be back up.

9. Discussion of using portion of ARPA money for Hazard Pay

Moved to executive session.

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

11. Review and approve pay orders

12. Public concerns

Paul Fraser- Cooler boxes, regional emergency committee, they are \$40 each but had to purchase extension cords. The idea was, that instead of a cooling center, they could be used at someone's house.

Question on executive session- was the plan for the transfer station part of the executive session? The specifics of the plan were hinged on the personal. No action was taken.

Trash bags- The bags we are using are simpler to monitor than tokens. Paul feels there is enough to keep track of already at the transfer station. A resident had asked about the bags, that is what sparked the conversation at the last meeting.

At home covid tests are available at the town office. If you think you have covid, please call ahead and we will leave them outside for you.

Rawsonville Schoolhouse Committee- Karen sent a list of names. Karen said there is a trap door that could use some attention before the reunion. The Rawsons clean the schoolhouse before their reunion.

At 7:58, Tom "I move to find that premature general public knowledge of ARPA money for Hazard Pay would clearly place the town at a substantial disadvantage, if the Selectboard discusses salary and such in public." Seconded by Kate.

"I move that we enter into executive session to discuss a portion of the ARPA money for hazard pay under the provisions of Title 1, Section 313(a)(1)(A) of the Vermont Statutes." Seconded by Kate.

Exit executive session at 8:10 p.m. No decision was made. Tom made a motion to adjourn.

Submitted by Sara Wiswall