

## Selectboard Minutes July 11, 2022

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

Public Present: Charlie Peck, John Beagan, Karen Ameden, Sheriff Mark Anderson, and Hazel Denton

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

1. *Call for any late additions to the agenda*
  - A. Projector for zoom- supplies
  
2. *Approve the minutes from the June 27<sup>th</sup> Selectboard Meeting*

Jessica made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 27<sup>th</sup> meeting, seconded by Tom. All in favor.
  
3. *Discussion with Sherriff Anderson from the Windham Co Sherriff's Dept*

Sheriff Anderson had joined to discuss the contract between the town of Jamaica and the Windham County Sheriff's Department. Last year we started a partnership with Londonderry, creating a full-time position between the two towns. They have had staffing shortages in the last year, and they still owe the town some hours. He asked how we should settle that debt? Refund, additional hours, or something in between.

Option 1: They would refund the town.  
Option 2: Use the hours in this year

Greg asked about the hours owed from the previous fiscal year, how do we use those up with the current manpower?

Sheriff Anderson said the manpower is better now than it was 6-8 months ago. There are hours still owed for the last two fiscal years. It is around 450 hours total between the two years.

The person that had been hired for Jamaica/Londonderry left for another department and they have had a larger need for services. He feels that the winter is our busier time to be patrolling and he does not want to make up time when it is not as busy in town.

Discussion on refunding the money, taking the money owed on our new contract or having extra hours throughout the year to make up those that were lost. Our current contract is for 1000 hours a year.

Tom made a motion that we get refunded for the 132.7 hours that were not used in fiscal year 2021, then take the 325 hours from fiscal year 2022 and put them toward fiscal year 2023 and then renegotiate the contract, seconded by Jessica. All in favor.
  
4. *Discussion of formation of Rawsonville Schoolhouse Committee*

Karen Ameden had emailed Greg about the Rawson family using the building for their

reunion, she suggested reforming the committee for the Rawsonville Schoolhouse. The schoolhouse still is set up like it was when it closed in the 1950's. There is no water or septic now, there is a septic system on the property that we could get into if wanted. If anyone is interested in joining, please contact Karen or the Selectboard.

5. *Discussion of Transfer Station bags*

A resident came forward with concerns about using the single use bags. Kate spoke with Esther in Londonderry; they use tokens instead of bags. She said paper bags do not compost well because there is no air circulating around the bag. She also read that compostable bags release methane.

Jessica mentioned that we have over 20,000 bags in our inventory currently.

Tom suggested having different ways for people to dispose of their rubbish, possibly not using a bag and being charged by the amount.

6. *Discussion of Transfer Station plan*

Jessica would like to go into executive session. This will happen at the end of the meeting.

7. *Set hearing date for Road Reclassification Plan*

Our town attorney was on vacation last week and Greg would like to touch base with him again before issuing the notice. This item is tabled until the next Selectboard meeting.

8. *Review of draft of proposed Jamaica Traffic Ordinance*

Charlie offered to work on the Traffic Ordinance. There was a traffic survey for Depot Street and Water Street so speed can now be enforced on those roads. Parking on West Windham Road was also addressed. Tom asked about having something about the parking at Pikes Falls swimming hole. Greg spoke with a resident in the area, and they said it has not been as bad.

Charlie has been working on this alone, the Planning Commission declined to help.

VTrans has a model ordinance on their website. It is a good, simple, basic, legal model to follow. Londonderry's ordinance is based on the VTrans model. Charlie advised once this ordinance is passed, to scrap the ordinance from 1984.

This draft incorporates all the speed limits from the 1984 ordinance plus the roads that speed limits have been put up on.

The parking provisions in the ordinance are the same as the Londonderry ordinance. This includes \$100 fines for parking violations.

Andy will reach out to the Sheriff about them writing fines for parking violations.

Their next step is to send it to the town attorney.

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

Tabled until the next meeting.

10. *Projector*

Tom is donating the projector and the Apple tv to the town, but he would like the town to buy him a new Apple tv.

Jessica made a motion to compensate Tom for the Apple TV and cables, seconded by

Andy. All in favor,

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

*12. Review and approve pay orders*

Kate asked about the air coolers that were purchased. Paul purchased these as EMD for emergencies.

*13. Public concerns*

No public concerns.

At 8:15 p.m. Tom made a motion, "I move to find that premature general public knowledge of the transfer station plan would clearly place a current employee at a substantial disadvantage, if the Selectboard discusses sensitive information in public." Seconded by Jessica.

Tom, "I move that we enter executive session to discuss the transfer station plan under the provisions of Title 1, Section 313 (a)(1)(A) of the Vermont Statutes." All in favor.

Exit executive session at 8:45 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 8:48 p.m.

Submitted by Sara Wiswall