

Selectboard Minutes

October 10, 2022

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

Public Present: Paul Fraser, Ed Dorta-Duque, Domenic Mangano, Greg Donna, Derek Ahl, Greg Lakis, Rob Willis, Shawn Howard, Dan Kunesch, Alione M, and Falcon

Greg called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

1. Call for any late additions to the agenda

There were no late additions to the agenda.

2. Approve the minutes from the September 26th Selectboard Meeting

Jessica made a motion to approve the minutes from September 26th, seconded by Andy.

Remove invasive species, Anne Connor, not Anne O'Connor.

Jessica made a motion to approve the minutes with amendments, seconded by Kate. All in favor.

3. Approve the minutes from the October 3rd Special Meeting

Jessica made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 3rd Special Meeting, seconded by Tom. All in favor.

4. Approve the minutes from the September 21st Road Reclassification Hearing

Jessica motion to approve the minutes from the September 21st Road Reclassification Hearing, seconded by Kate. All in favor.

5. Update from the Fire Department

Ed Dorta-Duque wanted to give a presentation on Jamaica Fire & Rescue. Dan Kunesch is the chief. The chief is the one who leads the department and is the liaison to other departments and agencies. Safety is the number one priority of the chief.

Domenic Mangano is the 1st Assistant Chief, Greg Donna is the 2nd Assistant Chief, and Scott Gordon is the Rescue Captain.

Ed Dorta-Duque is the president, Domenic Mangano is the vice-president, Lexa Clark is the secretary and Greg Lakis is the treasurer.

2022 has been a transition year, they have had a complete change of leadership after people retired and moved away. They have updated equipment and systems. They have had 127 calls this year and were able to respond to all of them but two. They did not have anyone to drive the truck to the two missed mutual aid calls.

They have started a new training committee. They have 2 monthly in-house trainings, one monthly regional training, special certification training and local partnership training.

They are working on community outreach & recruitment, which includes Halloween, Touch a truck, smoke detector program, fire prevention awareness at the school, and a food event.

The fire department's role in an emergency is operations.

Jessica said Thank you to all that have served on the fire and rescue. She also thanked them all for coming to the meeting.

Tom asked about the cisterns that they were looking into a couple of years ago, Ed responded that they have 2 sources to use for water now and the expense of the cistern was too much. They have a facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/jamaicafire/>.

6. Fall update on the roads

Richard has retired, we are actively seeking another road crew member.

The new truck that was ordered over a year ago, has been delivered to New Hampshire to be finished.

They finished their grants and aids work for the year, on Dalewood, Sage Dunbar Road and Smith Road.

The excavator has been inoperable all summer. They rented one for about a month, and they are hoping to get another week out of it.

30 culverts have/will have been replaced.

Discussion on new Traffic & Parking Ordinance. The Sheriff's Department will be enforcing the ordinance. Is it something the constables will be enforcing? Greg will meet with Rob to discuss this. Rob is the first constable.

7. Discussion on Town Administrator position

Greg suggested moving to the end of the session and going into executive session.

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

Greg made a motion to approve the time sheets, seconded by Jessica. All in favor.

9. Review and approve pay orders

Greg made a motion to approve this week's pay orders, seconded by Jessica. All in favor.

10. Public concerns

Paul Fraser, EMD conference moved to November.

11. Executive Session if needed

At 7:52 p.m. Jessica said, "I move to find that premature general public knowledge of a candidate that they are considering for the position of Town Administrator would clearly place the individual at a substantial disadvantage, because the Selectboard would put the person at a disadvantage, if it discusses in public." Seconded by Greg, all in favor.

Jessica, "I move that we enter into executive session to discuss the Town Administrator position under the provisions of Title 1, Section 313(a)(1)(A) of the Vermont Statutes." Seconded by Tom, all in favor.

Exit executive session at 8:10 p.m.

No decision made.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by Sara Wiswall