

Selectboard Minutes

January 23, 2023

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

Public Present: Paul Fraser, Karen Ameden, Alice Abraham, Christina Healy, Terri Garland (treasurer), and Mike Tuller (town administrator)

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

1. Call for any late additions to the agenda

Overweight permit

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

Tom made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 9th Selectboard meeting, seconded by Jessica. All in favor.

3. Review and approve Memorandum of Understanding with Jamaica Historical Foundation

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was prepared by Karen and Jessica formatted it. The MOU is good until the year 2050.

Jessica made a motion to approve the MOU between the Town of Jamaica and the Jamaica Historical Foundation, seconded by Tom.

Greg asked if there should a line that either the town or Historical Foundation could get out of the agreement if needed.

All in favor.

4. Review and approve Memorandum of Understanding with Jamaica Community Arts Council

The MOU between the Town of Jamaica and the Jamaica Arts Council is the same as before except for changing the dates and increasing the number of events.

Jessica made a motion to approve the MOU between the town and the Arts Council, seconded by Kate. 3 in favor, 1 abstained.

5. Presentation of proposed Transfer Station Site Plan

In September, they evaluated the transfer station.

Jessica made a motion to have the attendant building replaced and to remedy the gap between the recycling bin and the ground, to be completed in the first half of 2023.

Seconded by Tom.

There will be a larger building which will allow things to be stored at the transfer station. The building will have a composting toilet and will be a four-season building. The total cost will be \$13,791.

The gaps between the concrete and recycling bins can be temporarily fixed for \$810. All in favor.

6. Review Proposed FY25 Budget

The initial proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2024 came in at a 35% increase from last year. This is due to increase in materials and wages, the Pikes Falls paving project and for the Bridge 32 refurbish.

Options:

1. leave as it is
2. use portion of ARPA money for wages
3. use portion of highway funds to help stabilize cost

Tom supports keeping taxes as low as we can and would use both ARPA and highway reserve funds.

Tom made a motion to use both ARPA and highway reserve funds for FY24, seconded by Jessica. All in favor.

7. Review Town Meeting Warning

There are three articles on the Warning for Town Meeting in regards to the one percent (1%) local tax. They will be split:

- A. Sales
- B. Meals & Beverage
- C. Rooms

Tom made a motion to approve the warning for the 2023 Town Meeting, seconded by Kate. All in favor.

8. Confirm Town Meeting time and location

Greg made a motion to have Town Meeting on March 7th at the Town Hall, seconded by Tom. All in favor.

8a. Overweight Permit

Tom made a motion to approve the overweight permit for Frost Wells & Pumps Inc, seconded by Jessica. All in favor.

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

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

10. Review and approve pay orders

Greg made a motion to approve the pay orders, seconded by Tom. All in favor.

11. Public concerns

Paul asked when reports for the town report need to be in. All reports must be received no later than January 31, 2023.

12. Executive Session if needed

Tom at 7:46 p.m. "I move to find that premature general public knowledge of a health issue would clearly place the public at a substantial disadvantage, because if the Selectboard discussed sensitive matters in public." Seconded by Jessica.

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

Exit executive session at 7:55 p.m.

Greg made a motion to approve a Notice of Intent to Issue a Health Order, seconded by Tom. Unanimously approved.

Motion to adjourn by Tom, seconded by Jessica. Adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Submitted by Sara Wiswall