

## Selectboard Minutes February 13, 2023

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

Public Present: Paul Fraser, Karen Ameden, Susan Ahl, Erica Bowman, Mike Tuller (town administrator), Rob Willis, Renee Collard, Michael Zimmer, Travis Thiele, Stephanie Amyot, Juliette Carr

Greg called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

No late additions

### *2. Approve the minutes from the January 23<sup>rd</sup> Selectboard meeting*

Tom made a motion to approve the minutes from January 23<sup>rd</sup>, seconded by Kate. All in favor.

### *3. Discussion and adoption of Declaration of Inclusion*

The organization that has pulled this together, did not dislike our statement but it did not have inclusion in the statement.

Jessica made a motion to have the following statement of inclusion adopted by the Selectboard, "The town of Jamaica, Vermont condemns racism and welcomes all persons regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity or expression, age or disability and wants everyone to feel safe and welcome in our community. As a town, we formally condemn discrimination against individuals in these groups and all of its forms, commit to fair and equal treatment of everyone in our community and we strive to ensure all of our actions, policies and operating procedures reflect this statement. The town of Jamaica is proud to be a place where individuals can live freely and express their opinions."

Seconded by Tom.

We are not changing our original statement.

Andy takes offense from the statement from the organization that says, "we as Vermonters are not aware of systemic racism that is present in our majority white society." He said he does not know if everyone is aware of systemic racism in Vermont or Jamaica.

4 in favor, 1 opposed.

*4. Select point-of-contact for Act 172 - Municipal Energy Resilience Grant Program*

Greg nominated Mike Tuller, the town administrator to be the point person for the Act 172- Municipal Energy Resilience Grant Coordinator, seconded by Jessica. All in favor.

*5. Approve Loan Agreement for Jamaica Community Septic Program*

It is a 100 percent forgivable loan for \$66,500. Tom made a motion to approve the loan for the Community Septic Program, seconded by Jessica. There will be a presentation on February 21<sup>st</sup>. Discussion on time frame and if this needs to be signed tonight. 4 in favor, 1 abstained

*6. Approve Listers Certificate for "No appeal or suit pending" for the Grand List*

It has been signed by Valarie and Karen saying there are no appeals pending, Tom made a motion to accept the lister's certificate of no appeal or suit pending, seconded by Jessica. All in favor.

*7. Approve Liquor Licenses*

Tom made a motion to approve the liquor license for Three Mountain Inn for first class hotel license, seconded by Andy. All in favor.

Tom made a motion to approve the outside consumption permit for Three Mountain Inn, seconded by Kate. All in favor.

Tom made a motion to approve the liquor license for Northern Sun Mercantile, seconded by Jessica. All in favor.

*8. Approve Overweight Permits*

Tom made a motion to approve the overweight permit for Renaud Brothers Inc., seconded by Kate. All in favor.

Tom made a motion to approve the overweight permit for Valley Cranes Services, seconded by Kate. All in favor.

Tom made a motion to approve the overweight permit for Barrett Trucking Inc, seconded by Jessica. All in favor.

Tom made a motion to approve the overweight permit New England Quality Services, seconded by Greg. All in favor.

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

Tom made a motion to approve the times sheets, seconded by Jessica. All in favor.

*10. Review and approve pay orders*

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

*11. Candidates' Night, February 27, 6:00PM, Town Office*

Before the next Selectboard Meeting, there will be a candidate's night at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Office.

*12. Town Meeting, March 7, 10:00AM, Old Town Hall*

Reminder, Town Meeting will on March 7<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. at the Town Hall

Next Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, there will be a presentation about the town septic project at 3:00 p.m. at the Town Office.

*13. Public concerns*

Kate said some people have mentioned that not opening the transfer station before 1 p.m. on Sunday has been an issue for them.

Where are we at on the Depot Street Bridge? They are doing studies but no work will begin until 2024.

Rob asked if they are going to fix the paving on south hill that has not held up. Greg said it will be readdressed.

Karen asked what the timeline is for the other bridge on Depot Street. Andy said it is on the list. Paul said this bridge is not the only way to get there so it was not top priority.

Susan Ahl said that the town plow trucks are ruining the sidewalks from plowing the walkways.

Susan said they are having snacks at the library from 3-7 p.m. tomorrow.

Andy made a motion to adjourn at 7:53 p.m.

Submitted by Sara Wiswall