

Selectboard Minutes

April 24, 2023

Selectboard Present: Jessica Pollack (chair), Greg Meulemans, Derek Ahl and Kate Ullman

Public Present: Susan Ahl, Karen Ameden, Bryan Zieroff, Betsy Thomason, Mike Tuller (Town Administrator), Chris Mays and Parker Rice

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

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

A. Approve the minutes from April 5th Special Meeting

2. *Approve the minutes from the April 10th Selectboard meeting*

Jessica made a motion to approve the minutes from April 10th, seconded by Greg. Spelling correction of yield under number 3. All in favor.

3. *Update on Wastewater Project*

Bryan Zieroff is the chair of the planning commission and is also a member of the wastewater committee. They are in the process of completing the feasibility review. It is about 60% complete. No testing has been done but the state does require testing to be done.

The project is being funded by the state through a planning advance grant for feasibility study.

Part of the reason for the project is because there are wells and septic systems that do not meet the state requirements on distance from each other. The wastewater project would allow people to have the proper distance between wells and septic systems, as required by the state.

There is an application that can be shared on the website. There is also more information of the project in the Planning Commission minutes and you can also contact Bryan directly, his email is in the Planning Commission minutes. This is a move by the town to allow places in town to move to a public septic system.

Can people opt out? Fieldwork will tell what the maximum capacity will be for the wastewater system. It would be opportunity based and people will not be required to hook up to it.

- Field specific data will be available when they get to 90%
- Two town meetings will be held

Derek would like the 60% report shared with the public.

Greg is part of the wastewater committee and feels we should present what we know and not give confusing information.

The meeting that was held in February was to meet with the state, they had to pick a day and time when everyone involved in the project was available.

Bryan will check with the state to see if we can publish the 60% information. The wastewater committee is not required to have public meetings, but they posted the meeting so anyone who wanted could attend.

Derek will work with Greg to summarize the report.

4. Town Administrator Report

Mike Tuller started as the Town Administrator in November of 2022.

He has focused some of his attention on the town building including the Town Office, Town Hall, Library and the old bank building. A lot of ARPA money is available. Two buildings need insulation in the ceilings.

He has been working on Request for Proposals (RFP's) for the culverts and paving on South Hill Road.

He is also serving as a board commissioner for Windham Regional Commission.

He has been working on the recertification for the Transfer Station. He is also looking into modifying the demo dumpsters and into a new attendant building.

He is also looking into a potential sidewalk project.

5. Mowing RFPs update

The cemetery mowing RFP will be at the 2nd meeting in May.

6. Review and act on event related liquor license and tobacco substitute endorsement

The tobacco substitute endorsement is for Rawsonville Market. Parker Rice joined the meeting to explain why they had applied for it. He said they have had this license in the past and is just keeping it in case. They are not currently selling any of these products because of the marketing that is targeting people it shouldn't.

Jessica made a motion to approve the tobacco substitute endorsement, seconded by Derek. All in favor.

The liquor license application was for a special event permit for Whetstone Station.

They will have a tasting event at the State Park on May 6th from 12-4 p.m.

Jessica made a motion to approve the special event permit, seconded by Kate. All in favor.

7. Appoint sign administrator

Terri Garland had previously held the position.

Jessica made a motion to approve Mike Tuller as the sign administrator, seconded by Kate. All in favor.

8. Approval of Town Acceptance of the Village Cemetery

The Village Cemetery is on Route 30 next to the Masonic Lodge. The Vermont Statutes require towns to take over a cemetery when their association dissolves. The cemetery has \$70,000 in a perpetual care account which is obligated to leave as it is. We currently have 7 town cemeteries; this will make 8. The board is going to look at the fees because they are outdated.

Jessica read the following resolution:

“It is resolved that, in consideration of the dissolution of Village Cemetery Association of Jamaica, VT Inc. accomplished on this date and effective as of April 30, 2023, and the unanimous agreement by the association officers and directors that all lands owned or held by it as of that date for cemetery purposes and all perpetual care funds, trust funds, and all other property held or owned by it as of that date, less dissolution expenses, shall be transferred to the Town of Jamaica, that the town shall accept such lands and assets from the association, by deed and otherwise, and thereafter said lands shall become public burial grounds, and the town shall hold the perpetual care funds and trust funds in trust for the care, improvement, and embellishment of the lots therein, according to the terms upon which they were held by the association. “

The cemetery will be deeded to the town. All in favor of adopting the resolution.

9. Upcoming GMP presentation at May 8 regular meeting

Green Mountain Power has offered to come to a meeting and do a presentation. There have been a lot of concerns about how power is restored after or during a storm. It will be on May 8th.

Please stay away from any lines with trees on them, the recommendation is to stay a telephone pole length distance away.

10. April 5th Special Meeting Minutes

Jessica made a motion to approve the minutes from April 5th, seconded by Kate. All in favor.

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

12. Review and approve pay orders

13. Public concerns

Betsy asked when the town website will be more usable. The town clerk would like to update when there is time.

Susan said the church is doing a spaghetti dinner on May 6th for \$8. They are looking for volunteers.

Karen said Old Home Day will be September 16th.

The Arts Council is working on movie nights and concerts.

Derek made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by Sara Wiswall