

Selectboard Special Meeting Minutes July 17, 2023

Selectboard Present: Jessica Pollack (chair), Greg Meulemans, Andy Coyne (vice-chair), Derek Ahl

Public Present: Mike Tuller (Town Administrator), Keith Hazard (road foreman). Paul Fraser, Ron Knight, Pat Knight, Diana Demarsico

Jessica called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

- 1. Call for any late additions to the agenda*
No late additions.
- 2. Approve the minutes from the June 26th Selectboard meeting*
Derek made a motion to approve the minutes from June 26th, seconded by Greg. All in favor.
- 3. Update on Storm Damage and FEMA*
Pikes Falls bridge should reopen tomorrow afternoon.
Depot Street, Pikes Falls and Goodaleville Bridges were all looked at by an engineer. Pikes Falls was the only one given the go ahead to be fixed and reopened.
As of now, everyone is connected to their roads. Some are not optimal but you can get around.
They are working on Howard Road and Howe Farm Road.
Turkey Mountain should be finished tomorrow.
Then they will move to West Jamaica and Pikes Falls.
From there, they will spread out and chip away at the rest.
90% done on Diers Road and West Hill North.
Discussion on Diana Demarsico's flooding. Discussion on FEMA help.
Three state bridges have had damage in Jamaica. One is closed, the other two are still open.
- 4. Status of paving RFPs and Pikes Falls Road project*
We did get one bid. Keith is unsure if there will be anyone to do the work, with everyone helping recover from the storm.
The culverts project has been completed.
- 5. Update on new truck purchase*
They replace each truck in a 10-year cycle. There are a couple of bidders. One company may have a truck available in November, the other one is a year from the time you order. It will be on the agenda for next Monday.

6. *Reschedule discussion of painting quotes for Town Hall discussion, purchase of a new covered recycling dumpster*

We do need at least one recycling dumpster. They are \$11,000 to \$12,000. There may be a grant available next year, but we need the container now. Mike found two companies that can supply the container. It will be on the agenda next week.

Discussion on recycling containers.

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

8. *Review and approve pay orders*

9. *Public concerns:*

Paul Fraser said they finally got some fans and dehumidifiers.

Paul thanked the Stratton Foundation.

At 6:47 p.m. Jessica "I move to find that premature general public knowledge of the salary of an individual would clearly place the individual at a substantial disadvantage, if the Selectboard discusses it in public." Seconded by Greg, all in favor.

Jessica, "I move that we enter into executive session to discuss the salary of an individual staff member under the provisions of Title 1, Section 313(a)(1)(A) of the Vermont Statutes." Seconded by Greg. All in favor.

Exited executive session at 7:50 p.m.

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

Jessica made a motion to exit executive session at 8:20 p.m., no action taken.

Jessica moved to appoint Greg Lakis as the Emergency management Director for the Town of Jamaica. Greg has agreed to accept if appointed. Derek seconded. Three in favor, one abstention.

Motion to adjourn at 8:24 p.m.

Submitted by Sara Wiswall