

## Selectboard Minutes

### July 24, 2023

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

Public Present; Jeff Dickson, Karen Ameden, Paul Fraser, Diana Demarsico, Keith Hazard (Road Foreman) and Mike Tuller (Town Administrator)

Jessica called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

Request another MARC Multi-Agency Resource Center

There was not a huge appearance from Jamaica, and they think there are more who could use the resources. Paul said they called and asked if there was a place in Jamaica.

#### *2. Approve the minutes from the July 17th Special Meeting of the Selectboard*

Jessica made a motion to approve the minutes from July 17<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Greg. All in favor.

#### *3. Update on Storm Damage and FEMA*

Jessica made a motion to request from the state a MARC in Jamaica, seconded by Kate. The Fire Department or the Town Hall would be a good location. All in favor.

One of the big things is the bridges. Pikes Falls Road is back open but not full-on traffic. Depot Street bridge needs work under the abutment. They can work on it from the top and get the bridge back open.

The Goodaleville Bridge is going to take some time. They will probably have to demolish and rebuild the wing wall. This will go out to bid.

Mike Tuller met with the river engineer, Scott Jensen and with Wesley Ameden, the contractor about getting the bridge fixed. They also looked at Old Route 8 and Depot Street. They will have to armor under the Depot Street Bridge. Wesley Ameden has the right equipment and has approval from the state to do the work.

Keith said that Turkey Mountain Road should be complete in the next couple of days. Howard Road and West Hill North are complete.

West Hill South- A lot of it the town crew can fix, it is just going to take time.

Dalewood is about 80% fixed. They need to go back for Trager Road.

Smith Road- Scott Jensen is going to find out about the giant gravel bar under the road. He is going to find out if we can use the material.

The armor wall (2<sup>nd</sup> bridge of Pikes Falls) is complete minus fill that needs to go behind the wall. The state brought some run off from the roads for the town to use.

They are going to complete Goodaleville tomorrow except for the sides but the road will be complete.

Coleman Hills- If it doesn't rain Wednesday, they are going to try and come in at 4 a.m. before there is too much traffic and scrape the road.

Discussion on upgrading the infrastructure and FEMA only covering putting things back the way they were.

Keith's concern is getting the RFP's out quickly because the contractors can and will move on to other work if there is none here. Jessica suggested having a meeting or two every week to keep things moving.

If you need to do work in the river or stream, you need to contact Scott Jensen, the river engineer for our area. His email is on the [jamaicavermont.org](http://jamaicavermont.org) website.

#### *4. Expressions of Gratitude*

The Black Bear Lodge opened for those who were evacuated.

The Stratton Foundation has set up donations and distributed supplies.

Thank you to the road crew for all the work and the extra hours they are working. They did an amazing job at getting everything done and prioritized.

The Fire Department and our EMT's had a good spirit and attitude.

Thank you to Sara for keeping things organized in the town office.

Thank you to Karen Ameden who helped in many ways and was instrumental in knowing everyone.

To those that knocked on doors, Greg Joly was going door to door.

Mike was on vacation but still working and checking in. He is now working on all the recovery paperwork.

The contractors: AS Clark, Ameden Construction, Hunter Excavating, O'Brien Paving, and R L Fuller.

Rescue Inc.

West River Provisions- Forest and Tara were constant communications.

Keith for great leadership, keeping contractors lined up and willing to work.

Thank you to everyone who sent in reports, it is very helpful.

#### *5. Open South Hill Paving Bid(s)*

There was one bid received from Fuller Sand & Gravel Inc. for \$97 per unit, at 1,850 units totaling \$179,450.

Jessica made a motion to accept the only bid for the South Hill paving project, seconded by Greg.

Keith commented that it is poor timing, they did not anticipate the flooding. He suggested getting O'Brien Paving to cover the culverts just for the winter.

Then we could rescope this and put it back out to bid for next year.

All opposed, motion fails.

They will modify the proposal to cover the dozen or so areas.

*6. New truck purchase*

Keith has two proposals for a new truck. It is taking 8-12 months to get a new truck so now is the time to get the ball rolling.

The first proposal is from Delurey out of Hoosick Falls, NY. They did not find the amount on the bid. Keith will follow up. Keith also said there is financing available for municipality's with very low interest.

The second one is from Western Star for \$130,030 less the trade. He has not come to do the trade amount yet.

This will be on the next agenda.

*7. Discussion of painting quotes for Town Hall*

Tabled until the next meeting when Andy is here.

*8. New covered recycling dumpster*

There are two companies that provide these types of containers, International Container and Wastequip. The only difference is one has a 40 yard one for \$1,000 more. They are pretty comparable between the two companies, and it will take about a month to get here.

Jessica made a motion that the Town of Jamaica procure a new recycling container, if the 40-yard dumpster would fit where it goes, seconded by Kate. All in favor.

*9. Proposal for adding a Traffic Safety Mirror on utility pole at the corner of Pikes Falls Road and Route 30/100*

Jeff Dickson lives on Factory Street, Vehicles at the store block the view of bicyclers and traffic. He would like a safety mirror on the corner across from the store so people can see when there are cars blocking the road.

The board needs to find out if they can use the pole that is already there or if they would need to put in a new one.

Jessica made a motion to scope out a traffic mirror at the corner of Pikes Falls and Route 30, seconded by Derek. All in favor.

*10. Proposal for installing Book Box built by Ray Ballantine and Bruce Chapin on Water Street*

The Water Street land use committee would like to add a temporary book box. The committees who provide grants suggest that there is reading material with the project. The book box would sit on a table for the season.

Kate made a motion that the Selectboard approve the Water Street land use committee

place a temporary book box on the site for the summer, seconded by Jessica. All in favor.

*11. Review and approve time sheets for town office, listers, highway and transfer station*  
Jessica made a motion to approve the time sheets. All in favor.

*12. Review and approve pay orders*  
Jessica made a motion to approve the pay orders, general and flood related. All in favor.

*13. Public concerns*

Paul Fraser said the board needs to appoint a second member to the Regional Management Committee. The state requires two, one is the EMD automatically, the other is appointed by the Selectboard.

Mike said there is a mini grant for \$4,000 from the MERC program. Some are using it for ADA compliance. We could use the grant money to look at the library.

Karen would like someone to come and look at the roof in the Historical Museum.

Jessica made a motion to adjourn at 8:26 p.m.

Submitted by Sara Wiswall