

## Selectboard Minutes

### January 22, 2024

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

Public Present: Paul Fraser, Mike Tuller (Town Administrator), Karen Ameden

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

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

There were no late additions to the agenda.

#### *2. Approve the minutes from the December 18 Special Meeting and the January 8 Regular Meeting of the Selectboard*

Jessica made a resolution to approve the minutes from the December 16th Special Meeting, seconded by Greg. All in favor.

Jessica made a resolution to approve the minutes from the January 8th meeting.

Greg had some changes:

Sam Wood's company is Green Mountain Smart Tech

Village Designation should reapply for the village designation.

The municipal planning grant is to update the Town Plan.

Jessica proposed to approve the minutes as amended by Greg Meulemans, seconded by Tom Tolbert. All in favor.

#### *3. FEMA and Storm Preparedness general update*

We completed the application for the Vermont Bond Bank. They will not give a decision until February.

There are 77 damaged areas for FEMA. The FEMA representative will be here next week.

Mike Tuller is finalizing properties for NRCS and USDA. They are trying to find an engineer to help two properties.

There is one property on Water Street that may be a buyout.

Windham Regional Commission has a program for flood mitigation.

There is a removal plan for Ball Mountain brook, to get the debris out.

#### *4. Update on State Park Bridge*

The bridge to the state park is a 100% federally funded project. It will be fully covered by federal funds. There are still some fiscal constraints.

The Army Corps of Engineers are still looking for a way to access the dam.

The state is working with them to try and find a solution.

Tom said that a citizen was concerned about the bridge, that it may still not allow large equipment to pass.

#### *5. Approval of Tax Map Maintenance 2020-2022 Contract Years*

Tom made a motion to approve the tax map proposal from CGI Technologies, seconded by Jessica. This is to update the tax maps from 2021 to current. All in favor.

#### *6. Update on research re Transfer Station biodegradable bag option*

Some people want to go away from the plastic bags. There was a lot of concerns with changing the system from bags to a weighing or other system. Jessica has found compostable bags from a provider and she has used them personally. She said they do not leak and hold up well. She researched the company and they do customize. They would stamp, Town of Jamaica on the bag. The bags we have now cost around .30 cents. The compostable bags would be around .85 cents. The company is working on a proposal for us.

Sara suggested having a contest to design a town logo that would go on the bag.

Tom asked if the bag prices would increase because of this?

There has not been an increase in the cost of bags in at least 6 years. Jessica said we could increase the cost of the bags.

Kate did some research on what the Town of Londonderry does. They use punch cards,

Kate said we already have tokens, maybe we could use them.

Kate also suggested getting in contact with Air bnb owners to set a system for their trash removal.

Discussion on concerns of the attendant having a lot to do at once.

Andy would like this discussion to go to Town Meeting.

#### *7. Overweight permits*

Tom made a motion to approve the overweight permit for Carroll Concrete/Newport Sand and Gravel Company, seconded by Jessica. All in favor.

Tom made a motion to approve the overweight permit for Barrett Trucking Co. Inc. Seconded by Jessica, all in favor.

#### *8. Time sheets*

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

#### *9. Pay orders*

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

#### *10. Public Concerns*

Patti Dickson was on the school board for over 10 years. She recently passed. She will be missed by everyone in the community.

Tom made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sara Wiswall