

Selectboard Minutes

February 26, 2024

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

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

Jessica called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

1. Call for any late additions to the agenda

One overweight permit

2. Approve the minutes from the February 12 Regular Meeting, and February 21 Special Meeting of the Selectboard

Jessica made a motion to approve the minutes from February 12th, seconded by Kate. All in favor.

Jessica made a motion to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting on February 21st, seconded by Kate. All in favor.

3. FEMA general update; new state funds, and the application for FEMA hazard mitigation grant program funds, and our development of mitigation projects; VBB funding update; Arts & Community Spaces Flood Recovery and Resilience grants

We have applied to Vermont Bond Bank for a low interest loan. There were 19 towns that requested funding. We will know by March 26th if we will be allocated funds, and how much. There will need to be a Special Meeting to approve.

We may need to get a loan from our bank as well depending on the amount the bond bank loans us.

Sara and Meri are working with Mike with FEMA data entry.

4. Hamilton Falls Planning Update

The representative from the State Park reached out. They are working on a plan, taking into consideration our revised parking ordinance and will come present to us in mid-March.

They also have people coming to look at the landslide in the state park. Then they will send out an RFP for the stabilization project.

5. Update on research re Transfer Station compostable bag cost; discussion of pricing in advance of town meeting

Update on the Pay As You Throw (PAYT) program. We have now ordered the compostable bags. They will be green

and yellow bags the same size as they are now. We will still discuss it at Town Meeting.

Paul asked about the cost of the new bags. They are not as expensive as we initially thought.

6. ARPA Funds recommendation from the JPC

The Jamaica Planning Commission put together a list of recommendations to use ARPA funds. We still have remaining ARPA funds to allocate.

The roads inventory has not been updated since 2017 or 2018. We need an updated inventory for federal funding. The JPC is going to put in a RFP for the road inventory. There would still be funds leftover if this is approved.

6A. Overweight permit

Greg made a motion to approve the overweight permit for Fabian Earth Moving, seconded by Jessica. All in favor.

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

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

8. Review and approve pay orders

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

9. Public concerns

The town report was mailed a week ago and should be in your mailbox.

Next Tuesday is Town Meeting at the Town Hall. We are going to have soup afterwards, please let Karen Ameden know if you can bring a dish to share.

Old Home Day (Jamaica Day) is August 17th, they could use more volunteers.

Andy made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kate. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Wiswall