

Selectboard Minutes March 11th, 2024

Selectboard Present: Jessica Pollack, Andy Coyne, Kate Ullman, Greg Meulemans and Len Beman

Public Present; Paul Fraser, Mike Tuller (Town Administrator)

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

1. To elect Selectboard Officers

Kate Ullman made a motion to appoint Jessica Pollack chair, seconded by Len Beman. All in favor.

Jessica Pollack made a motion to appoint Andy Coyne vice-chair of the Selectboard, seconded by Kate Ullman. All in favor.

2. To appointment other Town Officials

Jessica made a motion to approve the slate that was circulated, she will add members of the beautification committee.

There has not been any activity in the rec committee. Karen Ameden suggested moving the funds from the rec committee to the bike skills park.

Jessica made a motion to reconstitute the rec committee funds to the bike skills park.

The slate of proposed town appointments for 2024:

All in favor.

Town Appointments 2024:

Newspaper of record: Brattleboro Reformer and The Commons

Fence Viewer Andy Coyne, Greg Meulemans, Patrick McQuillan

Animal Control Officer Rob Willis

Surveyors of Wood, Lumber & Weigher of Coal Tom Tolbert

Tree Warden Ben Williams

Health Officer Jocelyn Mullins

Deputy Health Officer Greg Meulemans

Road Commissioner Greg Meulemans

Planning Commission Brian Zieroff, Christopher Robbins, Patrick McQuillan, John Van Hoesen

Zoning Board Adjustment Brian Zieroff, Christopher Robbins, Patrick McQuillan, John Van Hoesen

DVCUD/DVFiber Christopher Robbins

DVCUD/DVFiber Jessica Pollack

Emergency Management Director Greg Lakis

Rescue Inc. Rep Stewart Barker

Energy Coordinator OPEN

911 Coordinator Karen Ameden and the Listers

Flood Zone Administrator Mike Tuller (end of a 3-year term)

Windham Regional Commissioners Andy Coyne and Mike Tuller

Transfer Station Liaison/ WSWMD representative Kate Ullman
Transfer Station Assistant Liaison/WSWMD Jessica Pollack
Recreation Committee Kate Ulmann, Pat Meulemans, Sara Wiswall
Village Beautification Karen Ameden, Kate Ullman, Barbara Ferguson, Mercedes Ross, Sarah Malaski, Tar Reilly
Fire Warden Stewart Barker
Assistant Fire Warden Domenic Mangano
Senior Solutions representative OPEN
Town Hall Liaison: Len Beman
Town Office Liaison: Jessica Pollack
Sheriff Department Liaison: Andy Coyne
Cemetery Sextons:
East Jamaica, Jamaica Village & South Windham L. Bruce Chapin
West Jamaica, South Hill & Pikes Falls Karen Ameden
Rawsonville Nelson Coleman

Jessica made a motion to adjourn the organizational meeting at 7:25 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

1. Call for any late additions to the agenda

Approve certificate of highway mileage.

2. Approve the minutes from the February 26 th Selectboard meeting

Jessica made a motion to approve the minutes from February 26th, seconded by Kate. All in favor.

3. Approve the 2024 Town Meeting minutes

Jessica made a motion to approve the Town Meeting minutes from Town Meeting 2024, seconded by Kate.

Clarity needs to be made of the final motion approving 10 a.m. start for 2025 Town Meeting.

Jessica made a motion to approve the Town Meeting minutes with the clarification, seconded by Kate. All in favor.

4. FEMA general update; new state funds from Budget Reconciliation

The town of Jamaica will receive funds from the state of over \$300,000. It is still waiting for the governor to sign off on it this week.

We are still waiting to hear from the Vermont Bond Bank. We should know this week.

Jessica made a motion to have a meeting of the Selectboard on March 14th, seconded by Andy.

The purpose of the meeting is to accept the loan and it will be to approve signing the loan documents.

Mike Tuller said some of the plans have been submitted including plans for Ball Mountain Brook.

Our FEMA rep is on vacation but Mike is still working on things with Greg Meulemans and Keith Hazard.

Mike met with an engineer to help with the properties that are going through the USDA/NRCS.

They are paying 100% of construction for these three properties, including engineering. There should not be any cost to the town.

The Ladd's home is going through the state buyout program.

Mike said they are reaching out to the state about the FEMA funds from 2021. They just need Terri's time from the event to hopefully close this out.

5. Review and approve Liquor Licenses

Greg made a motion to approve the liquor license for the Northern Sun Mercantile for a second class license, seconded by Kate. All in favor.

Greg made a motion to approve the 1st class liquor license for 821 Corporation, pending receipt of payment, for 2024. Seconded by Jessica, all in favor.

6. Review and act on an Overweight Permit

Greg made a motion to approve the overweight permit for David Chaves excavating, seconded by Jessica. All in favor.

Greg made a motion to approve the overweight permit for BFP Transportation, seconded by Jessica. All in favor.

Greg made a motion to approve the overweight permit for RK Miles, seconded by Kate. All in favor.

Greg made a motion to approve the overweight permit for National Energy Control dba as Consolidated Communications, seconded by Jessica. All in favor.

Greg made a motion to approve the overweight permit for Gurney Brothers Construction, seconded by Jessica. All in favor.

Greg made a motion to approve the overweight permit for Beacon Sales Acquisition, seconded by Jessica. All in favor.

7. Roadside Mowing and Cemetery Mowing RFPs due April 8th

They are similar to last year but the village cemetery was added to the cemetery mowing.

The roadside mowing is being asked to bid by mile.

Jessica made a motion to approve the mowing RFP that does not need to cover every mile, seconded by Andy. All in favor.

Jessica made a motion to approve the cemetery RFP that was all the cemeteries in prior years and to add the village cemetery. All in favor.

7A. Highway Mileage

It has not changed since last year, it did change last year.

Greg made a motion to approve the highway mileage for the year of 2024, seconded by Jessica. There are no class 1 roads.

Class 2- 6.44 miles

Class 3- 42.02 miles

State highway- 14.675 miles

Class 4- 3.17 miles

Legal Trail- 18.81 miles

All in favor.

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

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

9. Review and approve pay orders

Jessica made a motion to approve the pay orders, seconded by Kate.

Sheriff department reports are in the basket.

All in favor.

10. Public concerns

Paul Fraser- Greg Joly is intending to leave the job of Town Moderator. We are about to lose a major asset and Paul wanted everyone to know that we will need someone new to start learning the position.

Paul Fraser said the concerns that people expressed about the time or day of Town meeting were valid, he suggested we alternate and do one meeting in the day and the next year do it at night. Jessica said we could receive proposals from residents about the date or time that is best for Town Meeting. In order to change the day of Town Meeting, it would have to be a warned article at Town Meeting or a Special Town Meeting.

Greg Meulemans- The annual school meeting is March 26th at 7:00 p.m. and the vote is the next day on March 27th.

Andy Coyne- The sheriff's department did monitor the village, in 7 days, 23,000 cars passed through the village. The enforceable number of tickets was 3%. There were 35 of them. The fastest speed was 73 mph. It was vacation week so there was a high amount of traffic.

Greg made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kate at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Wiswall