

Selectboard Minutes

February 10, 2025

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

Public Present: Paul Fraser

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

1. Late additions

FEMA Projects

2. minutes:

Jessica made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 27th meeting, seconded by Kate. All in favor.

Jessica made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2nd Special meeting, seconded by Andy. 3 in favor, 1 abstained

Jessica made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 23rd Special meeting, seconded by Kate. All in favor.

3. Approve RFP for new hauler being issued by WSWMD on behalf of member towns

WSWMD prepared one RFP for all of the towns, then it will be tweaked. By July 1st, the RFP's can be completed. All the towns in the district are involved and would use the same RFP. Jessica made a motion that we approve our participation in the RFP, including providing information relevant to Jamaica, seconded by Kate. All in favor.

4. Informational meeting FAQ's (Frequently Asked Questions) discussion.

A. What were the excess funds raised

B. How is the tax rate set

C. What led to the incorrect amount having been raised?

D. Why is the recommendation to contribute the excess funds to the flood recovery fund? There have been recommendations for flood mitigation made that were not eligible for FEMA funds. At best, FEMA reimburses 90% but sometimes it is only 75%.

E. Are there other options? Jessica is still working with the town council on how this could be reimbursed to the taxpayers.

Transfer Station Bags: A petition was raised but failed. Jessica would like to do a Q & A on the bags. Paul said the bags are too small. He asked about the petition. Jessica said it was not a valid petition.

5. FEMA update:

The 2021 Storm was closed out and obligated. A new project has been created that includes the management fees. \$28,600 will be coming for this part of the project.

The Ball Mountain Brook project has been obligated! Greg said most of it should be wrapped up soon.

Andy spoke about the WRC updating maps with flood information.

6. Liquor License and Tobacco:

Jessica made a motion to approve the tobacco substitute license submitted by Rawsonville Marketplace, seconded by Kate. 3 in favor, 1 abstained.

Jessica made a motion to approve the second-class liquor license for Rawsonville Marketplace, seconded by Kate. All in favor.

Jessica made a motion to approve the tobacco license for Rawsonville Marketplace, seconded by Kate. 3 in favor, 1 abstained.

7. Certificate of No Appeal or Suit Pending for the Listers

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

8. Easement from Green Mountain Power

Request for an easement from Green Mountain Power for line 50122, on Pikes Falls Road.

Jessica made a motion to approve the easement to Green Mountain Power, seconded by Kate. All in favor.

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

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

11. Public Concerns:

The town of Townshend voted not to seek any coverage.

Kate said she is having a phone meeting about having a charging station if anyone wants to join, it is 10 a.m. Thursday morning.

Andy said the WRC is also discussing bicycle paths.

Greg made a motion to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. Seconded by Jessica.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Wiswall