

## Selectboard Minutes

March 10, 2025

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

Public Present: Paul Fraser, Karen Ameden, Heidi Pancake, Dave Marx and Peter Mandych

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

### **Organizational Meeting:**

Greg Meulemans nominated Jessica Pollack for chair of the board, seconded by Kate. All in favor.

Jessica made a motion to nominate Andy Coyne as vice-chair, seconded by Kate. All in favor.

Jessica made a motion to nominate Greg Meulemans as Road Commissioner, seconded by Kate. All in favor.

### **Town Appointments 2025:**

*Newspaper of record:* Brattleboro Reformer and The Commons

*Fence Viewer* Greg Meulemans, Patrick McQuillan

*Animal Control Officer* Rob Willis

*Surveyors of Wood, Lumber & Weigher of Coal* Tom Tolbert

*Tree Warden* Ben Williams

*Health Officer* Selectboard

*Deputy Health Officer* Selectboard

*Road Commissioner* Greg Meulemans

*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* Vacant

*Windham Regional Commissioners* Andy Coyne

*Transfer Station Liaison/ WSWMD representative* Kate Ullman

*Transfer Station Assistant Liaison/WSWMD* Jessica Pollack

*Recreation Committee* Kate Ullman, Pat Meulemans, Sara Wiswall

*Village Beautification* Karen Ameden, Kate Ullman, Barbara Ferguson, Mercedes Benzi Ross, Sarah Malaski, Tar Reilly

*Fire Warden* Stewart Barker

*Assistant Fire Warden* Domenic Mangano

*Senior Solutions representative* OPEN

*Town Hall Liaison:* Christina Robinson

*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 appoint all of the Town Appointments for 2025, seconded by Kate. All in favor.

Greg made a motion to adjourn the organizational meeting at 7:14 p.m. Seconded by Kate.

**Regular Meeting:**

*1. Late additions*

Overweight permit

*2. Minutes:* Jessica made a motion to approve the minutes from February 24th, seconded by Kate. All in favor.

*3. College Hill:* Peter Mandych, from Northeast Wilderness Trust, which is under contract to purchase College Hill. They are interested in the property. It has been owned by the Sadler family since 1963 and it has not been logged since the Sadlers have owned it. They allow low impact public access. The plan to do a forever wild easement after purchasing the property. Hunting is permitted but anyone interested in hunting or fishing must apply online at their website. Peter explained that this is a successful

program and thousands of people hunt on Northeast Wilderness Trust conserved lands every year. Mountain bikes and ATVs would not be permitted. It would be put into current use to reduce the taxes. Jessica said most any buyer would put it into current use. They are under contract to buy the land.

Jessica made a motion for the Selectboard to sign a letter of support, seconded by Greg. 3 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstained

#### *4. Overweight permits*

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

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

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

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

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

#### *7. Public Concerns:*

Heidi Pancake- We vote to exempt the Fire Station and Masonic Hall from taxes at Town Meeting, she asked about possibly having a park & ride spot in their parking lots. Street Lights- have we looked at street lights, to see if they are needed or just light pollution. Jessica will add these two items to the next agenda.

Paul Fraser- the street light on south hill is when you start coming into town and is part of the village.

Andy Coyne- The flagpole that was donated was knocked over (it is in the church). Discussion on installing a stronger pole.

Greg Meulemans- We are going to be putting out RFP's for roadside mowing and cemetery mowing at the beginning of April.

Karen Ameden- Pi Day is on Friday, March 14th. 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Bring a pie to share!

Saturday, March 22nd at 7:00 p.m. for the Bills Lumber Documentary

Jessica made a motion to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. Seconded by Kate.

Respectfully submitted by Sara Wiswall