

Selectboard Minutes  
June 23,2025

Selectboard Present: Jessica Pollack (chair), Greg Meulemans and Kate Ullman

Public Present: Paul Fraser, Karen Ameden, Andy Avery, Megan Ooms (VTRANS), Sean James (VTRANS), Gary Laroche (VTRANS), John Hathaway

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

*1. Late additions*

Proposal for 2 road names, and one to be rerouted for 911.

Move VTRANS to the beginning of the meeting.

*2. Minutes*

Jessica made a motion to approve the minutes from June 9th, seconded by Kate. All in favor.

*3. VTRANS presentation on bridge Alternatives*

The presentation is to provide alternatives and costs.

**Aesthetic upgrades:**

Concrete form liner-\$30,000-\$50,000

Railing Powder Coat Paint- \$75,000

Painting Girders- \$100,000 is just for the paint. Maintenance would need touch up paint every 15-20 years which is estimated \$250,000 to \$300,000.

Metalizing of Girders- \$200,000 for just the coating going on.

Paved Deck, provides appearance of continuity from road to bridge- estimated \$35,000

**Life cycle costs:**

All costs are in 2025 dollars (no inflation included)

All Alternatives include:

- Pavement Crack Sealing and Pothole Repair
- Repair of concrete deck and concrete abutments

- Replacement of Deck
- Bridge Expansion Joints
- Field Painting

**Trust Alternatives include:**

- Bearing Replacement \$185,000
- Structural Steel repairs \$1,380,000
- More extensive field painting \$1,380,00

**Life Cycle Costs for 75 years:**

Alternative 5- \$4.1 million (painting is about \$600,000) the rest is other maintenance.

Alternative 6- \$6.4 million

Alternative 7- \$7.6 million

John Hathaway asked why they didn't propose a certain type of bridge. VTRANS responded that it is because of the elevation. Discussion on the height of the bridge from the water. John said steel bridges need much less maintenance so the overall cost would be more. VTRANS is unsure if this is even an option to do steel on any of the options.

The board needs to make a decision by the first meeting in July as to which alternative.

*4. Update on Town Clerk*

The committee met last week. They have 4 candidates they are recommending to the Selectboard. Jessica and Sara will do a quick phone interview. Then the interviews will be in the second week of July.

*5. RFP for Turkey Mountain, Pikes Falls and Goodaleville*

The information has been posted on [jamaicavermont.org](http://jamaicavermont.org) website.

There are 2 projects on Turkey Mountain Road.

There are 3 sites on Pikes Falls Road that need stream bank mitigation.

Goodaleville road is a stream bank restoration as well.

The deadline is July 14th. There are site inspections on Wednesday, July 2nd.

*6. Sheriff's contract*

The contract is the same but needs to be signed by the board.

*7. Extension of Greg Meulemans*

Jessica made a motion to approve extending Greg's contract for the fiscal year 25-26, seconded by Kate. Not enough board members to vote with Greg abstaining. This will be put on the next agenda.

*8. Transfer Station bids*

We received one bid from Hunter Excavating.

\$35,000 was the bid for the groundwork at the recycling area.

Greg made a motion to accept the bid from Hunter Excavating, seconded by Kate.

Jessica wants to ask Hunter if he would bid less without engineering.

Jessica modified the motion to accept the bid but if it can be modified anyway to make it less expensive, alternatives could be explored. Kate and Greg can work with Hunter.

Seconded by Greg. All in favor.

Discussion on taking the covers off the C&D containers.

Greg will reach out to Hunter to see if his bid could be separated.

*9. Sign Permit*

There is a sign permit application for River & Rye.

Jessica made a motion to appoint Sara Wiswall as the sign administrator, seconded by Greg. All in favor.

*10. Approve increasing fee for disposal of mattresses*

Jessica made a motion to approve raising the cost of disposing of mattresses to \$50, seconded by Kate. All in favor.

*11. 911 Addresses*

Karen and the listers have identified some inconsistency in the roads for 911. The numbering of Mowrey is one of the main concerns, it goes through a town trail, and then the road continues after the town trail. The proposal is to change the name of part of the road. Karen has reached out to most of the individuals that would be impacted.

Jessica made a motion that current Mowrey Road would commence from South Hill Rd and would end at the point it becomes impassable, where the Town Trail begins. Seconded by Kate. All in favor.

Jessica made a resolution that Howard Road, which commences at River Road, would be the length of the road to the legal trail where it becomes impassable, seconded by Greg. All in favor.

Jessica made a resolution that Craven Road will now begin at the intersection of Howard Rd. and former Mowrey Road, seconded by Kate. All in favor.

Jessica made a resolution that we approve a new proposed private road, of Craven Road, to be named "Open Sky Way" that any 911 numbers would make reference to Open Sky Way. This is Bob Rolen's property. Seconded by Kate, all in favor.

Jessica made a resolution that we approve naming the private road that comes off West Hill Rd serving the Cotswold Hill properties, to be name Cotswold Hill Road. Seconded by Kate. All in favor.

#### *12. Time sheets*

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

#### *13. Pay orders*

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

#### *14. Public Concerns*

Windham Regional Commission annual plan update On July 22, 2025. More details are on [jamaicavermont.org](http://jamaicavermont.org)

Greg sought three bids for the tree work at Town Hall. Greg has received one bid so far, it will be on the next agenda.

Summer food distribution on Thursdays, starting July 3rd from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. It is open to everyone, it is free. They can use a few more volunteers.

Sidewalk social on Wednesdays.

Jamaica Day is August 16th.

The library summer programs have started. The library does home delivery if needed.

You must get a permit from the fire wardens to burn anything.

JAMBA- Mondays they are riding; Thursdays are trail work.

Pikes Falls Chamber of Music will be here in August.

The History Museum is open on Saturday from 10-1 and Tuesday from 1-4

More discussion on the bridge and the material.

Jessica made a motion to adjourn at 8:41 p.m. Seconded by Kate. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Wiswall