

Selectboard Minutes
August 11, 2025

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

Public Present: Paul Fraser, Karen Ameden, Carol Weston, Kristin Carlson, Don Miller, Jim Harlow, Steve Rawson, Ann Rawson, Cara Park

Jessica called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

1. *Late additions*

A. Jim Harlow- update on Rawsonville Schoolhouse Preservation.

2. *Minutes*

Jessica made a motion to approve the minutes from July 28, 2025, seconded by Christina. All in favor.

Jessica made a motion to approve the minutes from August 6, 2025, seconded by Christina. All in favor.

3. *Rawsonville Schoolhouse*

Karen Ameden introduced, Jim Harlow, president of the Rawsonville Schoolhouse Committee. Jim spoke of the committee's plan to preserve the schoolhouse. The group was awarded a small grant from the VT Preservation Foundation which was used to hire an architect. Jim also talked about using grants to fund the project and the need for Select Board involvement with acquiring and maintaining grants for funding. The committee is not a separate entity from the town; therefore, it does not have its own tax id number and would like to use the town as fiduciary for the grants they will be receiving. Jessica asks for more information as to which grants would be applied for, how much would be awarded and what the funds would cover. Jim replied there would be multiple grants, and the applications could be reviewed by the board prior to submission. Jessica said it is necessary for the board to understand the scope of work to be done prior to the board signing applications. She also asked that all of the grants be presented at one time as well as an explanation of which grants were critical to projects.

4. *GMP*

Don spoke of the next phase proposal for the Green Mountain Power project and is seeking approval to use the town's right of way. This phase will include West Jamaica Rd, Pikes Falls Rd, South Hill Rd, and Mowrey Rd. Culverts involved in the power line placement will be repaired or replaced as necessary. This may result in roadways being closed for a short period or reduced to one lane. Don has met with Keith, and he agrees

with the work to be done. Jessica suggested an alternative email contact for any Friday road closure notices. Don will send the notices to all board members. He estimated this work to begin in 1-3 weeks. Don mentioned a letter had been previously sent to the board members. Jessica made a motion to approve the letter sent by Green Mountain Power as described. Seconded, by Kate. All in favor.

5. *Town Listers*

Jessica explained Errors & Omissions are necessary when changes are needed to the grand list. Karen said there were two issues: 1) an unlabeled mobile home that had been removed from a property resulting in a decrease of \$31,100. 2) due to issues with the VT Property Tax Transfer Return a property was mistakenly marked inactive. That parcel is now corrected to an active status, resulting in an increase of \$52,800. Jessica made a motion to approve as described and circulated. Seconded, by Andy. All in favor.

6. *Administrative Contract*

Already approved.

7. *Time Sheets*

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

8. *Pay Orders*

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

9. *Public concerns*

Karen spoke of the activities and events planned for Jamaica Day, Saturday August 16, 2025, 10 am – 4 pm. Which include various vendors, a parade and food court. A Civil War reenactment will be held. There will be an official flag burning ceremony.

Christina mentioned Solaar Fest will also be held on Saturday beginning at 6 pm.

Andy asked who was responsible for lilac bushes leaning into the road. He is concerned for damage to vehicles passing by. The board responded that if it is in the Right of Way, the Highway Foreman would be the contact.

Christina stated concerns that there is not a stop sign at the exit of the state park. It was suggested she contact the Army Corps of Engineers.

Jessica made a motion to adjourn at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Meri Roberts