

# Jamaica Select Board Minutes - DRAFT

Jamaica Town Office

Monday, March 9, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.

Select Board Present – Jessica Pollack, Greg Meulemans, Robert Brooks, Jason Kass

Public Present – Karen Ameden, Paul Fraser, Bret Carter, Eugene Alletto (Remote)

Meeting called to order at 7:00

1. Call for any late additions to the agenda

None

2. Approve the minutes of the March 9<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting

Jessica Made motion, Robert Seconded. All in favor

3. Discuss Grant for Flood Resilience in Jamaica

Jessica made motion that we apply for Flood Resilience Grant for Jamaica, Greg Seconded

Erica Bowman has attempted to get grant this grant in the past. It is for planting plants that will hold soil and help in erosion and flood control.

All in Favor

4. Review Goodaleville Road culvert bids and select contractor for project

Last month we had site meeting and about a dozen people showed up. Bids closed on March 12<sup>th</sup>. VTRANS wanted to approve and all of the bids and they affirmed they are all substantively completed.

Bid Amounts:

AS Clark and son: \$245840

Fitzpatrick: \$241500

Thompson Site: \$275200

Belden: \$575000

Hunter: \$239815

Greg made motion to accept bid of Hunter excavating. Jessica 2nded. All in favor

5. Approve Certification of Compliance for Town Road and Bridge Standards

Every year the town re-adopts the standards for Bridges and Roads. There were modifications this year. Now culverts must be 18 inches if water continually flows through them.

Greg made motion that the Town Adopt Road and Bridge Standards. Jessica 2nded.

Paul asked if this means we have to update existing infrastructure. Greg said only when we plan to replace them.

All in Favor

6. Act 181 discussion

Jessica led discussion. The town will be putting information on website. What is the impact on the town of Jamaica. Act 250 is bill that required permitting from ANR and other agencies for land development. Once a property is under Act 250 it is always under Act 250. It is a serious review process and is costly. There are 10 criteria that would make a development plan for a specific parcel that makes it subject to Act 250. There are categories that will snare you into Act 250. If road is over 800 ft from a municipal roadway. Other characterizations of woodland. – subject to 8c – which limits use.

80-90% of land in Jamaica falls into woodland more than 800 Ft from St Road. Lots of hot spots in Jamaica, Statton, etc. A lot is happening and there is a building fervor that things need to slow this down. There is bill to delay the 800 ft road rules until Dec 2027.

Landowners should be aware of this changes that act 181 will bring.

Group of Jamaica residents are meeting with Laura Sabilia this week. Tom asked to be included.

Karen is going to get Laura Sabilia to hold a meeting in town sometime soon to meet with residents.

Info will be on website.

7. S.255 & Regional Policing discussion

Mark Anderson, Sheriff wants to regionalize policing. He is working with legislature to come up with a pilot to regional policing. Bill has passed Senate and is now committee in the house. The bill would coordinate between the many towns.

8. Discuss municipal planning grant amendment

Jessica made a motion to approve the municipal planning grant amendment. Greg seconded. All in favor

9. Approve Liquor Licenses

R&R applications have been correctly submitted.

Jessica made class 1 class 3 and outdoor for River and Rye. Jason seconded

Jessica for Blue Dot Robert seconded Vote was 3-0 in favor with Greg abstaining.

10. Approve Overweight Permits

Greg made motion

Barrett Trucking – Jessica seconded All in favor

Cota and Cota – Jessica seconded All in favor

Plimpton Excavating. – Jessica seconded All in favor

11. Approve increase in Jamaica M&T Credit Card from \$5000 to \$10000

Jessica made motion – Jason seconded All in favor

12. Reminder of School related info sessions and votes

Information session about closing school 3/31 – Vote 4/8.

Information session about school closing 3/31 at 7pm at town office

Voting 4/8 9-7pm

Jason and Robert spoke about future of school. Jason led conversation of visioning and grounded information about the school can be. Their results will be presented at 3/31.

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

Jessica made motion Jason seconded. All In favor

14. Review and approve pay orders

Jessica made motion, Greg seconded.

There was one large sum due to credit card company problems.

All in favor

15. Public concerns

Tom talked about

RPF updates – Mowing will be in paper this weekend

Town Hall paint – RFP to go out soon

Xfinity – Still working to get addresses changed and line at transfer station.

If someone is interested in taking cans to Londonderry to help lower income with town trash charges. Board will need to change this if that were to go into effect.

Looked for people local to do it locally years ago. Now is out of state.

Street Sweeper – date? Not yet. Probably in April.

Listers are closed on Wed.

Brought up first bridge on Pikes Falls and if additional signage on Bridge. Working on it. Would need to finesse the placement of any lighted signs.

Cars on West Jamaica are driving too fast. Perhaps speed signs. Speed on road is 35. That is fast. We would need to re-do the traffic ordinance to change speed.

VTRANS grant for pedestrian study. We are waiting for them to get back in touch.

Gatherings for Kids Music program with Zack Yak and Andrew Goush was last Sunday. Great turnout. Maybe every couple of weeks.

Resolution at state house for Alice Abraham next week.

Daffodils are coming up in town 1000s in town planted last year for Alice.

Wed night social crafters. 6:00pm @ Jamaicahaus  
Thursday focus lounge at River and Rye  
Jamaica Run club 530 on Thursday  
Thursday 7:00pm Jamaica for Democracy at Town Office  
Bingo at Masonic Hall 6:00pm Friday  
Live Sam Chapin a River and Rye on Friday at 6:00pm  
Mike yoga on Sun 9:30 at Town Hall  
Stitching circle @ River and Rye on Sunday.

Rawsonville open house-sat June 6<sup>th</sup> 10-3. Dave Dominck playing. History . Bringing more attention to Rawsonville. Karen would like to have more road signs. Karen says we should embrace the area. She is asking to put on next agenda.

16. Executive Session, if needed

17. Adjourn

Jessica motion, Greg seconded. All in Favor

Meeting Adjourned 7:56pm