

# **Jamaica Selectboard Meeting Minutes**

## **Jamaica Town Office**

**Monday, June 8, 2026**

**7:00 P.M.**

**Board Present:** Jessica Pollack, Greg Meulemans, Kate Ullman, Robert Brooks, Jason Kass

**Public Present:** Andrea Ameden (Remote)

**Call to Order:** 7:01 P.M.

### **1. Late Additions to the Agenda**

No late additions were made to the agenda.

### **2. Approval of the Minutes of the May 26, 2026 Regular Meeting**

Jessica made a motion to approve the minutes, and Kate seconded.

Greg requested revisions to the draft minutes, including adding item 8 regarding a reappointment and noting that the matter was tabled and not addressed at the meeting.

Greg also requested that item 8.5 be revised to state "recommended" in reference to his motion concerning school closure.

Jessica moved to withdraw the original motion, and Kate seconded.

Jessica then moved to approve the minutes as revised. Jason seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **3. Town Clerk General Update**

The final box of yellow bags was sold.

Tom will review a new ID card printer system for the Transfer Station.

Tom will distribute the updated sign ordinance.

Tom will begin work on the Short-Term Rental Ordinance.

### **4. Bridge 32 Replacement over the West River and Upcoming VTrans Presentation**

The Board discussed the replacement timeline for Bridge 32 over the West River. The project remains on schedule for 2030, with timing dependent on budget and other large-scale VTrans projects.

Members reviewed coating options and discussed using a metallized coating rather than paint.

Greg made a motion to accept the VTrans coating recommendation. Jessica seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

VTrans will return on July 13 with the final design presentation. In response to Jason's question, the Board was advised that the bridge will be replaced rather than rebuilt.

The bridge is currently stable following prior work, and the abutments remain in good condition.

The lead time for the project is approximately six years, with completion anticipated in 2032.

Greg made a motion to select the larger stone block appearance with no pigment. Jessica seconded.

There is no cost difference between the available options.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Board also discussed the bridge railing, which will be steel, and reviewed color options.

Greg made a motion to select a dark green coating for the bridge rails. Jason seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed striping requirements. While the bridge is required to function as a two-lane bridge, it may be striped to support one-way traffic with pedestrian and bicycle use.

Greg made a motion to stripe the bridge for one-way traffic. Jessica seconded.

Tom will post the plan on the website.

The motion passed unanimously.

## **5. Discussion of Legal Trail 27**

The Board reviewed prior action from September 21, 2022, when several road reclassifications were recommended, including converting this road into a trail.

Jessica made a motion to discontinue Legal Trail 27 and transfer it to landowner Rainier Frost. Kate seconded.

Discussion noted that the land would no longer be owned by the Town, that the trail does not lead to another destination, and that it is not in active recreational use.

Robert asked that the Board defer a vote until he could gather additional information.

The Board discussed whether the Jamaica Planning Commission should be consulted, including possible input from Nick Lowe.

Jessica then moved to withdraw the motion. Kate seconded, and the motion to withdraw passed unanimously.

Jessica then made a motion to refer the matter to the Jamaica Planning Commission for a recommendation on whether to proceed. Robert seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

## **6. Town Hall Wireless Update**

Wireless service was installed at Town Hall. The Board extended special thanks to Justin McCourt of URIT for his assistance. The old equipment is expected to be removed this week.

## **7. Security Suite for Town Office Server Firewall**

Jessica made a motion to approve the security suite for the Town Office server firewall. Kate seconded.

## **8. Update on Culvert, Riverbank, and Transfer Station Projects**

No significant updates were reported. Tom noted that he has been in contact with Jeffrey from Hunter and will continue following up.

## **9. Review and Approval of Overweight Permits**

Greg made a motion to approve the overweight permit for Greg Haskins Trucking. Jessica seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

## **10. Review and Approval of Timesheets for the Town Office, Listers, Highway Department, and Transfer Station**

Jessica made a motion to approve the timesheets. Kate seconded.

## **11. Review and Approval of Pay Orders**

Jessica made a motion to approve the pay orders. Kate seconded.

Greg noted that the large \$290,000 amount reflected a return of funds to the state due to the withdrawal of the wingwall project.

Greg also reported that the Town is receiving \$340,000 for storm-related projects from the previous December.

The motion passed unanimously.

## **12. Public Concerns**

Community announcements included a Monday 6:00 P.M. JAMBA group ride at Ball Mountain Dam.

Additional announcements included the Wednesday Sidewalk Social at 6:00 P.M. at Peacock Outfitters and a request for live music participants at Jamaicahaus.

Residents were encouraged to stay informed regarding WRED updates, including a letter written that day by Drew Hazelton.

Additional community announcements included Thursday co-working hours at River and Rye from 8:30

A.M. to noon, weekly Friday bingo beginning at 6:00 P.M. with games at 7:00 P.M., and Sunday yoga at Town Hall at 9:00 A.M.

Additional weekly activities included Sunday Stitching Circle at River and Rye from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M., Thursday trivia at River and Rye, and the Jamaica Run Club on Thursdays at 5:30 P.M.

Upcoming events announced included the Summer Solstice Retreat on June 19–21, Smokey the Bear Weekend on June 19–21 at Jamaica State Park, the opening of Re-Chic Boutique on July 1, and RAVE at Town Hall on July 3.

Additional upcoming events included a public reading of Frederick Douglass's Fourth of July speech on July 5 at Town Hall, TommyFest on July 11 on Pikes Falls Road, Watchfire Irish American folk music at Town Hall on July 12, and a June 16 Vermont wetlands public meeting in Arlington featuring updated maps.

Andrea noted that Bridge 42 was a different bridge than she had initially thought and clarified that the discussion concerned Bridge 32.

A June 16 Vermont wetlands public meeting in Arlington was also announced, with overviews of updated maps to be presented.

### **13. Executive Session, if Needed**

### **14. Adjournment**

Greg made a motion to adjourn. Jessica seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Adjourned:** 8:14 P.M.