

Jamaica Selectboard Minutes

Jamaica Town Office
Monday, June 22, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.

Board Attending: Jessica Pollack, Greg Meulemans, Robert Brooks

Public Attending: Karen Ameden, Paul Fraser

Meeting called to order at 7:01 P.M.

1. Call for any late additions to the agenda

A bid was received on lots for sale by the Town. The Board will discuss next steps.

2. Approve the minutes of the June 8, 2026, regular meeting

Jessica made the motion. Greg seconded. All in favor.

3. General update from Tom Tolbert, Town Clerk and Town Administrator

- a. Short Term Rental and Sign Ordinances

The ordinances will be placed on the next agenda for approval. Tom will verify several items in the ordinances.

- b. Visit to School

Tom, Robert, and Jason visited the school with Greg Frost. The school plans to maintain the building and leave a number of items. Tom will follow up with Bob Thibault to obtain a key for access.

- c. Bikes at Library

The Library Board supports the proposal. Tom will check with VLCT and legal counsel regarding liability.

- d. Transfer Station work

Hunter is redoing the work this week.

- e. Printer for Transfer Station cards

Toner was found, so this item is on hold.

- f. Internet at the Transfer Station

Internet installation is planned for the coming weeks.

- g. Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballots are now available for the August 11 Primary.

4. Discussion and approval of committee structure for the Jamaica Village School property use and development committee

The committee has held two meetings since reforming. The committee does not yet have a name and would like something approachable and inspirational. The committee has received case studies from the Preservation Trust. Proposed members include Patty, Emma, Peter G., Karen, Diane, Robert, and Jason.

The committee is still conducting research and discovery. At least half of the committee should meet, and good notes should be taken. A 501(c)(3) may need to be formed to obtain funding, as the Preservation Trust will not fund municipalities.

Jessica asked whether the Town could still obtain grants and how the project would be funded. The Preservation Trust deadline is September 8. Work must be completed within three years.

Jessica made a motion to approve the structure of the use and development committee and steering committee, and to allow the committee to schedule meetings and make decisions on its own. Greg seconded. All in favor.

A standing item will be added to future agendas.

5. Discuss Phase 2 of the Jamaica Transfer Station project for reconstruction of the commercial waste area

The project is planned for October in FY 2026–2027, with an estimated cost of \$95,000. Tom will recirculate the information.

6. Approve recommendation of appointment of Jason Kass as deputy health officer

Jessica made a motion to approve the recommendation of Jason Kass as Deputy Health Officer. Greg seconded. All in favor.

7. Approve Scott Gordon as Deputy Fire Warden

Jessica made a motion to approve Scott Gordon as Deputy Fire Warden. Robert seconded. All in favor.

8. National Center for Electronics Recycling - NCER – Renewal

Greg made a motion to renew through December 2027. Jessica seconded. All in favor.

9. Decision to join Windham County Regional Law Enforcement Governance Council

Mark Anderson has been working on a regional policing pilot program approved by the State of Vermont to explore sheriff policing on a regional basis. The Board discussed the challenges of revenue, scope of work, and annual planning. The pilot has now been approved.

Jessica made a motion that the Town join the Regional Policing Project. Greg seconded.

There will be no additional cost.

All in favor.

10. Consider TextMyGov citizen notification system (\$2000)

No decision was made. More information will be gathered.

11. MCS-150 (Motor Carrier Identification) renewal for the Town Garage fleet

This is the Motor Carrier Identification renewal for the Department of Transportation for the Town fleet of trucks. It provides resources to the Town.

Jessica made a motion to approve the MCS-150 renewal for the Town fleet. Greg seconded. All in favor.

12. Discuss outcome of WRED Budget vote and Act 355

The WRED budget passed. The district will proceed until districts are reorganized. At the last board meeting, a motion was made to address long-range planning with a committee created from members of each town. The committee was formed, but no meeting schedule has been determined.

13. Next Steps on property sales

After the agenda was posted, formal offers were received for each of the properties. The next step is to hold a special meeting to review the offers and make decisions. A special meeting was set for Thursday, June 25, at 2:00 P.M.

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

Jessica made a motion to approve. Robert seconded. All in favor.

15. Review and approve pay orders

Jessica made a motion to approve. Robert seconded. All in favor.

16. Public concerns

Tom will send Greg information about what the Town expects from the SU.

A survey could be obtained, if needed, to determine easements and related matters.

The listers will send change-of-appraisal letters on Wednesday. The date will be determined by April and Pat on Wednesday.

Reappraisal is expected in two years. The Town has five Justices of the Peace, minus Karen and Tom due to their positions. The Town is considering increasing the number to seven Justices of the Peace. An article can be added to the warning to add additional positions. Karen thought this was a good idea.

Ludlow has information on its website about how the process will proceed.

Free groceries for kids will be available Thursdays from 12:00–4:00 P.M., July 9 through August 6, at JVS.

Open to any child.

Karen shared the following community updates:

Wednesday Night Social, 6:00 P.M., Peacock Outfitters.
HF meeting, 7:00 P.M., Wednesday, June 24.
Food Pantry Distribution, 6:30 P.M., Wardsboro Methodist Church.
River and Rye coworking, 8:30 A.M., June 25.
Jamaica Run Club, June 25, 5:30 P.M.
Craft Cart, Friday, June 26, 6:00 P.M., JML.
Bingo, Friday, June 26, 6:00 P.M., Masonic Hall.
Live music with Sam Chapin at River and Rye, Friday, June 26, 6:00 P.M.
Yoga at BeeWell, Saturday, June 27, 9:00 A.M.
Yoga with Mike at Jamaica Town Hall, Sunday, June 28, 9:00 A.M.
Stitching Circle at River and Rye, Sunday, June 28, 5:00–7:00 P.M.
Re-Chic soft opening, June 24–28.
Rave at Jamaica Town Hall, July 3.
Friday First Art Walk, July 3.
Frederick Douglass speech, July 5.
Tommyfest, July 11.
JFD will be in the Wardsboro Fourth of July parade and is preparing a float.
Jamaica Haus, now operating as Skinny Goose, is doing well.

17. Executive Session, if needed

18. Adjourn

Jessica made a motion to adjourn. Robert seconded. All in favor.

Adjourned 8:18pm