

JAMAICA SELECTBOARD AGENDA

Jamaica Town Office

Monday, July 27, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.

Select Board Present: Jessica Pollack, Kate Ullman, Robert Brooks, Jason Kass, Greg Meulemans (Remote)

Public Present: Paul Fraser, Paul Rovinelli, Siobhan McDermott

Meeting called to order: 7:04

1. Call for any late additions to the agenda
Lister on private road addition.
2. Approve the minutes of the July 13, 2026 Regular Meeting and the July 21, 2026 Special Meeting
Jessica made motion to accept the July 13th minutes. Kate seconded. All in favor.

Jessica made motion to accept the July 21 minutes. Kate seconded. All in favor.

3. General Update from Tom Tolbert, Town Clerk and Town Administrator
 - a. Update status of Town Lot Sales
Meeting to vote on Edie lane offer - tomorrow 2:00pm
 - a. Transfer station construction activities
Jessica Made motion to approve to remove damaged canopy over the container. Kate seconded
Very many possibilities. Tom will manage project from Town's end.

All in favor
 - a. Pikes Falls Recreation Area
SGT Norton – Brought signs. Put 3-4 up. WCS is doing more patrols.

Tom will talk to Keith about signs at bridge.

Way it was discussed then is a continuous flow of pikes falls
 - a. Other matters
Early Voting for Primary Elections now for August 11th election.

Special Town Meeting on Wed at 6:00pm at Town Hall to discuss aricle to increase Justice of Peaces in town.
4. Discuss proposed changes to Sign Ordinance Table.
5. Jamaica Municipal Library business

Paul Rominelli and Siobhan McDermott.

Grants – Madeline is trying to put the grand proposal together. Summer reading grant for \$350. courier services for \$683, the third is one time to HUD. Spent time on the \$308K grant proposal. We are risk of losing the grants due to the Audit will not be completed.

Year after Terri died the audits were late. The delays are still being caused by FEMA related expenses. We have external auditors and we need to fit into their schedule.

We may be able to write a letter explaining our situation.

It is not from sloppiness. Could audit company write a conditional letter.

We will determine what was sent in to the grant request.

Drafted a bike policy – run it through the town insurance companies. Waiting on comment from our Town lawyer.

Madeline will contact Tom tomorrow to discuss. Jessica will reach out to Nick. All documents are legal documents. Policy should be robust.

6. Update on Grand List completion and approval of Tax Rate if work completed prior to the meeting.

Grand list was completed today – Sarah calculated rates:

There are town expenses and education. We have no control over education tax rate.

Jessica made motion to raise \$640,340 to support general expense .02355 for purchases, \$964,453 a rate of .03547 to support Highway Expenses, \$9788 tax rate .0036 for a local agreement to make a blended rate of .5938 to raise a total of \$1,614,583.17.

Jason seconded - All in favor

Jessica made motion to set tax rate raising education taxes in the amount of \$4,889,258.56 at a rate of .23378 of non-resident and \$1,522,462.91 by a rate of 2.4466 to the total homestead for a total of \$6,411,721.46.

Jason seconded – Ail in favor

The total tax rate is 3.0404

7. New 911 addresses for Wesley Amden

New private road 6837 VT Route 30. New road will take care of two homes. Five new homes being built possibly 6. New road off 6467. Lucy Lane.

Jessica made motion to approve creation of naming of private roadway MAP #173A 30 foot right of way that traverse lots 5,1 and abuts lot 2 and will have name of Lucy Lane and approved to have 911 addresses. Kate seconded. All in favor.

8. Review and approve time sheets for town office, listers, highway and transfer station
Jessica made motion to approve timesheets. Kate All in Favor

9. Review and approve pay orders
Jessica made motion to approve timesheets. Kate All in Favor

10. Public concerns

Brattleboro Memorial Hospital (BMH) will be closing birthing center unless funding can be found. There are many efforts to support keeping the birthing center open.

Jessica read resolution 1.Strongly recommending BMH do everything within its power to maintain a robust birthing center, 2: Encouraging the Vermont Agency of Human Services, The Governor's office and the Green Mountain Care Board to act in support of rural maternal care, 3. Urge residents to chose BMH first for medical services. Jason seconded. All in Favor

School – Siobhan – saw a flatbed truck pulling out with a whole bunch of stuff. Met with Vermont Housing and Grant board to do facilities assessment. Grant would be in \$7-10K range.

Also funding to preserve historic building is being explored.

Next week some are going to see Vermont Preservation Trust. Emma Spett has opened the doors. Looking into other grant funding. Town remains concerned keeping building safe with no money. This Friday Tom, Robert, and Siobhan are meeting with Vermont efficiency to discuss conversion from oil to pellet. More detail plan on moving forward.

Property behind land is up for sale as of yesterday. This has a right of way through the property.

Jamaica Day meeting Wed at 5. Can we close off Town Office Road and Depot street?

Monday, July 27

Mountain Bike Monday
Beginner-friendly group ride
6 pm | Equipe Sports, 8749 VT-30
Hosted by JAMBA

Tuesday, July 28

Teen Manga Mania
Watch anime, share manga, and eat Pocky! Ages 10–18
6–8 pm | Jamaica Library
Hosted by Jamaica Memorial Library

Wednesday, July 29

Wednesday Night Social

Bring food to share! Music by Unqualified
6–8 pm | Peacock Outfitters
Hosted by Jamaica Haus

Special Town Meeting
Consider additional Justices of the Peace
6 pm | Town Hall

Corps of engineer to have session about the lake plans on 4-6 at Town Hall.

Food Pantry Distribution
Food distribution in the church vestry
6:30 pm | Wardsboro Methodist Church
Hosted by Jamaica/Wardsboro Food Pantry

Thursday, July 30

Groceries for Kids & Teens
FREE groceries for every child eligible
12–4 pm | Jamaica Village School

Jamaica Run Club
Beginner-focused fun run
5:30 pm | West River Provisions
Hosted by Jamaica Community Arts

Silent Book Club
Bring your own book and enjoy a quiet evening of reading
5:30 pm | River & Rye
Hosted by Silent Book Club Windham County

Friday, July 31

Craft Cart Fridays
Drop-in crafts for ages 4+
10 am–12 pm | Jamaica Library
Hosted by Jamaica Memorial Library

Meet Ryan McLaren
Meet & greet with the Lieutenant Governor candidate
4–6 pm | River & Rye
Hosted by River & Rye

Live Music @ River & Rye
Live music with Jill Sachs
6–8 pm | River & Rye
Hosted by River & Rye

Saturday, August 1

Bee Well Yoga & Acupuncture
Yoga with Jill Sachs followed by acupuncture
9–11 am | Bee Well Homestead
Hosted by Bee Well Homestead

JAMBA Trail Work
Help reroute the West River Trail
9 am | 1412 Ball Mountain Lane
Hosted by JAMBA

Sunday, August 2

Yoga at Town Hall
All levels welcome with Mike Mackey
9 am | Town Hall
Hosted by Jamaica Community Arts
Library is open now 6 days a week.

Jamaica Day 5K dash. Need to sign up. 8:15

Rawson Family reunion Aug 8th

JVFR – Car Show Aug 2nd. 4:30

Chris Clark album coming out next week.

Executive Session, if needed

Adjourn

Jessica made motion to Adjourn.

Kate seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned: 8:25pm

Tom Tolbert, Town Clerk, Attest