Jamaica Selectboard Minutes

MEETING	Regular Meeting
DATE AND TIME	Monday, November 9, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.
LOCATION	Jamaica Town Hall

Selectboard members: Jessica Pollack, Kate Ullman, Robert Brooks

Public attendees: Paul Fraser, Karen Ameden, Dylan Hazelton, Kaden Southworth, April Volovski, Diane Robles

Call to order: 7:00pm

1. LATE ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

A vote on liquor for West River Provisions was added to the agenda.

A request to donate mats from the former school to a church was added to the agenda.

2. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 26, 2026, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Jessica moved to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2026, Regular Meeting. Kate seconded. All voted in favor.

3. GENERAL UPDATE FROM TOM TOLBERT, TOWN CLERK AND TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

School building update
The furnaces have been repaired, and the heat is running. Alarm inspections are scheduled for November 19, 2026.

Election
The election went well, with approximately 500 voters.

Phone system upgrade
A phone is now installed at the Transfer Station, and the phone system upgrade is complete.

IT support
Karen raised a concern about aging equipment for the listers and the possible need for a new computer. Tom will develop specifications for replacement machines.

4. TOWN OFFICE HEAT MALFUNCTION; QUOTE APPROVAL IF AVAILABLE

Tom will contact VLCT to determine whether the tank is covered under the town's insurance.

5. DISCONTINUANCE OF LEGAL TRAIL (FORMER HOLLOW ROAD) UPDATE

The hearing is scheduled for December 14. A notice was published in the newspaper on November 7, 2026, and certified mail was sent to Ranier Frost.

6. JVS PROPERTY

Update on spring rights
Karen will help Jessica contact the Tewksbury property.

Other JVS building and committee matters
Diane is working with First Children's Finance, a free service, and would like to spend three hours with them assessing needs in Jamaica and surrounding towns. Jessica requested an opportunity to review the contracts.

The work is intended to move planning forward while other grants are being pursued.

Discussion at the meetings and with FCF included whether the school could be used for events once FA is inspected. Participants noted the benefit of bringing people into the school.

Tom will follow up to confirm liability insurance coverage for use of the school.

Matt submitted a preliminary grant draft. The deadline remains December 1. The committee will review the draft before the Selectboard.

7. REMAINING TOWN-OWNED PROPERTY SALE UPDATE

One town-owned property remains to be sold. Jessica will contact the attorney later in the week.

8. TOBACCO FOR WEST RIVER PROVISIONS

Motion: Jessica made a motion regarding tobacco for West River Provisions. Kate seconded. All voted in favor.

9. MARCI BARROWS REQUEST FOR MATS FOR CHURCH IN WEST TOWNSHEND

Jessica expressed reservations about the request. Robert expressed concern about removing pads from the walls. Tom will inventory the mats and report back to the Selectboard.

10. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF TIME SHEETS

Motion: Jessica moved to approve the time sheets for the town office, listers, highway, and transfer station. Kate seconded. All voted in favor.

11. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PAY ORDER

Motion: Jessica moved to approve the pay order. Kate seconded. All voted in favor.

12. PUBLIC CONCERNS

Diane reported that the arts council had discussed a railing for the stage stairs. Tom will work with the arts council to have a railing installed.

Karen mentioned several events listed on the Jamaica Town Calendar.

Paul praised the Halloween activities and gave special recognition to Madeline at the library.

Recognition was also given to those involved in the Thriller dance.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: "I move to find that premature general public knowledge would clearly place the public

body or a person involved at a substantial disadvantage if it is discussed in public." Kate seconded. All voted in favor.

Motion: Jessica moved to enter executive session. Kate seconded. All voted in favor.

It was stated that no action would be taken.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Jessica moved to adjourn. Kate seconded. All voted in favor.

Meeting **adjourned**: 8:20.

Attest: Tom Tolbert