

**TOWN OF JAY**  
**July 28, 2025**  
**SELECTBOARD MINUTES**

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**Present:** Terry Bergeron, Chair; Tim DeMillo, Vice Chair; Lee Ann Dalessandro, Gary McGrane, Tom Goding, Shiloh LaFreniere, Town Manager

**Guests:** Abby Cramer (Mt. Blue TV), Donna Perry (Sun Journal), Mark Holt (Sewer Dept.), Bob Dalot, Brian Milligan, Amy Soper (Androscoggin Land Trust), Rob Taylor (ALT & Rec Committee)

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**1. Pledge of Allegiance** – 6:00 Tim led the pledge.

**2. Minutes – July 14, 2025** – M/M/S Gary/Tom to approve the minutes from the July 14, 2025 Selectboard meeting. Vote 5-0-0

**3. Old Business** - Shiloh updated the Board on the total amount from the equipment bid - \$17,052.09. Two of the winning bidders declined the award so it went to the next highest bidder.

Shiloh also told the Board that the culvert engineering RFP that the Board approved last meeting originally had a bid due date of July 31<sup>st</sup>. It was extended to August 7<sup>th</sup>. A public bid opening will take place at 2:00 that day and then be on the Board's agenda for the 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Livermore Falls Board approved the interlocal agreement for the Plumbing Inspector and Rick Haas has been appointed as Jay's LPI. Residents can reach him at the Livermore Falls Town Office.

**4. Western Maine ATV Club – Access Route Request Riley Road/Phipps Canada Road** - Bob Dalot has talked with DOT and submitted the required paperwork. He indicated that they seem to be in favor of the proposal, but DOT would like a something from the Town stating that the Board is ok with it. After that DOT will do a site visit and make a decision. Gary questioned who would be responsible for the signage along the route. Bob said that he would move signs from the current access route and use others that they have in stock so there would be no cost to the Town for signs, M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve the access route pending DOT approval and have Shiloh send a letter to DOT. Vote 5-0-0

**5. Maine Trails Program Grant Application** - Amy Soper, Androscoggin Land Trust, discussed the proposal to apply for a grant under the Maine Trails Program, LD 1156, that would connect the French Falls trails, the RSU 73 trails and the Jay Recreation Area trails together. ALT would oversee the project and be the fiscal manager. There is a 20% match required but it can be covered through in-kind donations, volunteer hours, etc. The total budget is estimated at \$30,000. Amy indicated that the project would include 150 feet of improved or replaced bridging, better signage, better access points, and possibly a parking spot on Osgood Road. There is also the potential for a small ADA loop trail. Rob Taylor explained that the small outdoor center at the RSU property currently has a trail that could be connected to the Rec Area behind the field hockey trail. The grant is about community connections and this proposal could connect Livermore Falls to the Jay

Rec Area as well as other areas of Jay to the French Falls trails. Lee Ann asked about crosswalks and Amy stated they would utilize the one at the bottom of the hill by the Middle School to cross Rt. 4. Amy also indicated that ALT could help facilitate bringing in matching funds through volunteers, in kind donations, lumber, time, etc. Amy has talked with other grant providers about possible funding as a match. The application is due in September with the project expected to start in the spring. Amy and Rob will keep the Board informed as it progresses.

**6. Androscoggin Land Trust Spruce Mountain Event - Liquor License** - ALT is working in conjunction with the Spruce Mountain Board, the Jay Recreation Committee and others to host a “Rock the Mountain” event at Spruce Mountain Ski Slope on Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>. Tentatively from 3:00-10:00. Amy has submitted the liquor license application with My Dad’s Place as the licensor for the event with ALT. M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to grant approval of the anticipated license application subject to State approval. Vote 5-0-0.

**7. Sewer Department Building Maintenance** - Mark Holt discussed building maintenance needs for the pump station and generator buildings. The generator buildings would need rubber membranes on the concrete slab roofs and siding and roof shingles on the pump buildings. This work would be completed through the reserve account which currently has a balance in excess of \$450,000. The Board was in favor of Mark getting budget pricing/estimates for their consideration.

**8. Other Business** – Terry stated that the MMA Convention is in Bangor Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> and that Gary and Shiloh will be attending.

Shiloh told the Board that the Comprehensive Planning Committee is wrapping up the update to the Comprehensive Plan and will have it ready to be voted on at the November election. The Board will need to approve the warrant article at their Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> meeting after a public hearing. The Comprehensive Planning Committee would like to have an ice cream social at 5:30 prior to the meeting and then will be present to answer any questions the community has on the proposed update during the public hearing. The meeting will be held at the SMES Gym.

Terry announced upcoming dates of interest.

**9. Executive Session – MRS Title 1, Ch. 13, Sect. 405 § 6.D. Union Negotiations – Town Office**

M/M/S Tim/Tom to go into executive session under MRS Title 1, Ch. 13, Sect. 405 § 6.D. Union Negotiations – Town Office. Vote 5-0-0

Terry declared the Board out of executive session.

M/M/S Tim/LeeAnn to adjourn. Vote 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Shiloh A. LaFreniere