

TOWN OF JAY
August 25, 2025
SELECTBOARD MINUTES

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

Guests: Kai Strine (Mt. Blue TV), Donna Perry (Sun Journal), Tom Saviello, Lauren Walsh, Tom Brennan, Wesley Norton, Virginia Ashby

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

2. Minutes – August 11, 2025 – M/M/S Gary/Tom to approve the minutes from the August 11, 2025 Selectboard meeting. Vote 5-0-0

3. Old Business – Shiloh informed the Selectboard that Danielle Brotherton declined the Schoolboard position. It was then offered to Jodi Cordes and she accepted the appointment.

4. POW/MIA Ceremony – Request for Bridge Closure – Lee Ann/Tom to approve closing the Riley Road bridge on Sept. 19th at approximately 6:15 p.m. for 15 to 20 minutes for the POW/MIA ceremony. Vote 5-0-0

5. Dixfield Hydropower Project Information – Tom Saviello introduced Tom Brennan and Lauren Walsh to the Selectboard. They are involved with the hydropower project and Lauren is an Environmental Engineer with Cianbro. Tom and Lauren gave information to the Selectboard regarding the project. They are engaging with the communities in the area to let them know about the project. The way the facility will work is that when power supply is in excess it will pump water up. When the power supply is low they will flow water down through the turbines and produce power. It will be a closed loop system eventually. Lauren says they are in the process of a preliminary permit with FERC. Western Maine Energy Storage, a private company, is the initial developer. Tom Saviello said that he will keep the town up to date on progress.

6. Sewer Abatement – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve a sewer abatement of \$310.50 for David Poulin for the 2025-2026 billing cycle. Vote 5-0-0

7. Hannaford Donation – Police & Fire – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to accept a \$6,000 donation from Hannaford, \$3,000 for the Fire Department and \$3,000 for the Police Department. Vote 5-0-0. The Fire Department will use the money to update computers and portable radios. The Police Department would like to purchase 2 new AED's and possible non-uniform apparel.

8. Order to Place Questions on the November Ballot – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve and sign the Order to Place Questions on the Ballot for November 4, 2025 to see if the town will adopt the Jay, Maine Comprehensive Plan 2025 as proposed by the Jay Comprehensive Plan Committee. Vote 5-0-0

9. Board of Assessment Review Reappointment – Dawn Young – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to reappoint Dawn Young to the Board of Assessment Review and move her to a regular position with a term to expire September 2030. Vote 5-0-0 There are still two openings remaining if anyone knows of someone interested.

10. Paid Family Medical Leave Options – The Selectboard discussed some of the options but had questions for the Finance Director before choosing an option. M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to table this item until Thursday, August 28th at 3:00 p.m. at a special Selectboard meeting. Vote 5-0-0

11. Other Business – Terry announced upcoming dates of interest.

M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to go into the Board of Assessors meeting. Vote 5-0-0

BOARD OF ASSESSORS MINUTES

1. Tax Abatements/Supplement (4) -

M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve a tax abatement for \$51,250 in valuation, \$615.00 in tax dollars for the 2025-26 tax year for Jody Therrien c/o Spruce & Shine, LLC parcel 025-033. Vote 5-0-0

M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve a tax abatement for \$183,820 in valuation, \$2,205.84 tax dollars, for the 2025-2026 tax year for Dale Kaiser parcel 003-070. Vote 5-0-0

M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve a tax abatement for \$22,050 in valuation, \$264.60 in tax dollars, for the 2025-2026 tax year for Michael and Toni Parker parcel 007-112. Vote 5-0-0

M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve a Supplemental Assessment for \$183,820 in valuation, \$2,205.84 in tax dollars, for the 2025-2026 tax year for Kimberly Ann Peterson parcel 003-070. Vote 5-0-0

M/M/S Tim/Tom to adjourn at 6:36 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Raeleen M. York