

**TOWN OF JAY**  
**February 23, 2026**  
**SELECTBOARD MINUTES**

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

**Guests:** Tom Saviello, Lisa Bryant, Bob Neal (Monitor), Joseph Sage (Police Chief), Nick Gulliver

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

**2 Minutes – February 9, 2026** – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2026 Selectboard meeting. Vote 5-0-0

**3. Old Business** – Shiloh updated the Selectboard about the sewer pumps that were put on auction. The auction closed at \$720 for the 2 Gorman pumps and \$4,250 for the set of 6 pumps.

**4. Western Maine Energy Storage Project Update** – Tom Saviello told the Board that the FERC permit application has been submitted and they are on to the next step.

**5. Special Amusement & Liquor License Renewals – Hillside Sports Club** – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve the Special Amusement Permit and Liquor License renewal for Hillside Sports Club. Vote 5-0-0

**6. Road Postings** – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to confirm posting roads on February 20, 2026 per ordinance. Vote 5-0-0

**7. Grant Approvals – PD eCitation & Townwide Harold Alfond Training Grant** – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to accept the eCitation Grant of \$2,354.38 for citation printers in the cruisers and to accept the Townwide Harold Alfond Training Grant to cover 50% of approved training up to \$1,200 per employee per year. Vote 5-0-0

**8. Wilton – Jay Police Collaboration Committee Discussion** – Chief Sage told the Selectboard that the committee did a great job coming up with the four options. Each option has many variations. The Selectboard asked Joe to make a recommendation. Joe asked how fast the board wanted to move. The fastest option other than doing nothing is to have one town contract with the other. Quasi municipal has the most variables and would likely take a couple years.

The Chief felt that keeping things the way they are would be better than contracting with the Sheriff's department. Lee Ann said that, if we go with a contract, she would ask Wilton to contract to us because of the Jay Police Department's MLEAP accreditation. It shows our agency is held to a high standard. This also helps reduce our insurance costs. She felt that merging their staff under our Chief would create a good group working together and would be a smooth transition. Keeping full staff is an ongoing issue.

Nick Gulliver spoke to the Board in support of the merger. He thinks the officers from both towns work well together. He thinks we should combine, especially with Wilton.

M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to submit a request to Wilton to enter into a merger with Jay and continue to look into the Quasi-municipal option. Vote 4-1-0 (Gary opposed).

**9. Motor Vehicle Registration Agent Fees** – M/M/S Lee Ann/Terry to change motor vehicle agent fees to \$5 for renewals and \$6 for new registrations. Vote 4-1-0 (Tom opposed)

**10. Tax/Sewer Foreclosures** – The last date for payment on taxes and sewer prior to foreclosure is Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. Traditionally, after the foreclosure date, the Selectboard has allowed owners to pay all years in full within 30 days to redeem the property from foreclosure. M/M/S Gary/Tom to accept payments for all taxes and sewer on properties after the foreclosure date to redeem the property from foreclosure by April 6, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. Vote 5-0-0

**11. Other Business** – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to remove the comment section from our facebook page. Vote 5-0-0

Mike Booker is retiring as a part time officer from the Police Department. He would like to purchase the firearm that he has used during his service. M/M/S Gary/Tom to allow Mike Booker to purchase his firearm for \$100. Vote 5-0-0

Terry announced upcoming dates of interest.

**12. Executive Session – MRS Title 1, Ch. 13, Sect. 405 ss 6.A. Personnel – Employment** - M/M/S - Tim/Tom to go into Executive Session under MRS Title 1 Chapter 13 Section 405, Subsection 6.A. Personnel (Employment) and C. Economic Development. Vote 5-0-0.

Terry declared the Board out of Executive Session.

M/M/S - Gary/Tom to adjourn. Vote 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Raeleen M. York