

**TOWN OF JAY**  
**March 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:** Lucas Therrien (Mt. Blue TV), Bob Neal (Maine Monitor), Tony McDonald (JGT2), Joseph Sage (Police Chief), Mark Holt (Sewer Superintendent), Jeremy Richards (Public Works), Lisa Bryant, Chris Townsend, Joel Gilbert, Corey LeClerc (Fire Dept.), Charlie Woodworth (Greater Franklin), Sheila Lyman, Jeff Gilbert, Ed Mardosa, Mark Bickford, Joey Cousineau, Ben St. Pierre

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

**2. Spirit of America Presentation – Comprehensive Plan Committee** – The Selectboard and Shiloh presented the Jay Comprehensive Plan Committee with the Spirit of America award for their diligent work for 18 months on developing an updated Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Jay.

**3. Public Hearing on Warrant Articles for April 28<sup>th</sup> Town Meeting** – Terry opened the public hearing. Raeleen read the warrant articles and allowed for questions and answers. Terry closed the public hearing. M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to sign the warrant and post it. Vote 5-0-0

**4. Minutes –March 9, 2026** – M/M/S Gary/Tom to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2026 Selectboard meeting. Vote 5-0-0

**5. Old Business** - No discussion

**6. JGT2 Redevelopment Data Center Discussion** – Tony McDonald from JGT2 was present to discuss a proposed data center on the former mill property and the LD 307 legislation being considered to put a moratorium on data centers.

Tony provided the attached information and reviewed it with the Board and residents. He indicated that the Godfrey Forest Products project was not going to happen. Tony apologized for not keeping us updated on things as they changed. He stated that the data center proposed for Jay is not a big hyperscale center. It is a small language model. Tony said there would be no negative impact on power rates from this project. The cooling system will be closed loop using less than 1% of what the mill used for water. He indicated that this a \$550 million dollar project just in real estate. It would generate a lot of revenue for the town. It would also create 800 to 1000 jobs during construction and 125 to 150 long term jobs.

Construction is due to begin in July and now LD 307 could kill the project by putting a moratorium on all data centers. He is hoping for an exemption for this project in Jay. Tony is asking for a letter from the Town of Jay in support of the data center project. M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to have Shiloh work with JGT2 to create a letter of support for the data center giving Shiloh the authority to sign said letter. Vote 4-0-1 (Gary abstained)

**7. Archie's Curbside Update** – Shiloh and John met with Shane, a representative of Archie's, about concerns regarding curbside pickup. Shane acknowledged the trouble and apologized. They are working to make things better. They now have a Facebook page for better communication – Archie's

Waste Disposal. Shane asked that his phone number, 207-418-5953, be given out if there are any concerns.

**8. Warrant for RSU 73 Budget Validation Referendum** – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to counter sign the annual warrant for the RSU 73 budget vote. Vote 5-0-0

**9. Appointment of Ballot Clerks** – M/M/S Lee Ann/Gary to appoint the election/ballot clerks that have been nominated by their respective parties or the Town Clerk. Vote 5-0-0

**10. Other Business** –Terry announced upcoming dates of interest.

**11. 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). 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