

TOWN OF JAY
March 9, 2026
SELECTBOARD MINUTES

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

Guests: Blake Gemelli (Mt. Blue TV), Betsey Sawyer-Manter (Seniors Plus), Charlie Woodworth (Greater Franklin), Yoland Gauvin, Brady Lake, Jeff Richards, Jeff Gilbert

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

2 Minutes – February 23, 2026 – M/M/S Gary/Tom to approve the minutes from the February 23, 2026 Selectboard meeting. Vote 5-0-0

3. Old Business – No discussion.

4. Sewer Abatement – New Riverside Farms, LLC M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve a sewer abatement for New Riverside Farms, LLC in the amount of \$4,387.50 for 5 Lambert Street for the 2025-2026 billing cycle. Vote 5-0-0

5. Greater Franklin Economic & Community Development – Charlie Woodworth gave an update from Greater Franklin on their work in the county. He provided the Selectboard with a list of projects completed and in progress. Charlie introduced Senior Plus’s CEO, Betsey Sawyer-Manter. She told the Selectboard about the work Seniors Plus does in the area and provided a chart of community resources. She also provided a list of available classes and offices. Both Charlie and Betsey asked the Selectboard for their support with the county commissioners and asked that the Board reach out to them if they need anything or have questions.

6. Memorial Day Parade – Request for Main Street Closure – Ron Morin is requesting closure of Main Street for the Memorial Parade. M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve closing Main Street (Route 4) on May 25, 2026 starting at 9:30 a.m. from the Hyde Road to the town line for the Memorial Day Parade. Vote 5-0-0

7. Cemetery Stone Maintenance – Lee Ann and Tom are on the cemetery committee and took a look at the cemeteries in Jay. The town is responsible for the maintenance of 9 cemeteries. The Public Works Department takes care of mowing. Lee Ann said she believes that the cemetery that needs the most work is Stones Corner on Route 133 next to Wiles. There are broken stones, stones laying on the ground, some stuck in holes, etc. There is currently about \$34,000 in Cemetery Reserve. Brady Lake and Jeff Richards do stonework and cemetery maintenance. They can look at the cemeteries and come back with prices. Brady mentioned that there may be grants available as well. Terry said he would like to work on one cemetery at a time. Lee Ann and Tom agreed. Stones Corner will be the focus for now and Brady and Jeff can offer suggestions for maintenance. There was discussion that there may not be anyone else available to do this kind of work. M/M/S Lee Ann/Tim to request L&R to submit a proposal for Stones Corner Cemetery for stone repairs, cleaning and other necessary work. Vote 4-1-0 (Gary opposed)

8. Communications & Social Media Policy Update – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to accept the updated Social Media Policy as drafted based on the Boards vote to restrict comments on FB. Vote 5-0-0

9. Other Business – Tim raised the issue of Archie’s not picking up trash. There was discussion about the lack of response, missed pickups, etc. and whether they will be able to fulfill the contract through the end of June or what other recourse could be taken. If voters approve the budget a new contract will be made with Riverside Disposal. The Selectboard asked that Shiloh and John meet with Archie’s to discuss their concerns.

Terry announced upcoming dates of interest.

M/M/S Gary/Tom to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Vote 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Raeleen M. York