

TOWN OF JAY
April 13, 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: Lucas Therrien (Mt. Blue TV), Bob Neal (Maine Monitor), Jeremy Richards (Public Works), Jeff Gilbert, Earl Martin, Trevor Doiron, Brady Lake, Jeff Richards

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

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

3. Old Business – No discussion

4. Cemetery Stone Restoration Quote – Stone’s Corner Cemetery – L & R Granite Works provided the Selectboard with a quote for cleaning, repairs, and resets at Stone’s Corner Cemetery in the amount of \$5,575.00. Lee Ann asked that L & R provide quotes on the cemeteries in North Jay on East Dixfield Road for the Selectboard to review in case the town would like to have work done there this year or next. M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to hire L&R Granite Works to do the cleaning, repairs, and resets at Stone’s Corner Cemetery for \$5,575 with funds from the Cemetery Reserve account. Vote 5-0-0

5. Franklin County Commissioner Candidate – Earl Martin – Earl introduced himself as a candidate for the Franklin County Commissioner seat representing Jay and Chesterville. He is retired military, worked at Colby College for twenty years and at 62 started an antique business. He is also a selectman in Chesterville. His main concern is the growing budget at the county level. Franklin County is asking for a \$1.8 million increase this year.

6. Public Hearing Notice – Set Sewer Rates May 11th – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to sign and post the Notice of Public Hearing on Sewer Rates for May 11, 2026. Vote 5-0-0

7. Ballot for Election of Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments Officers 2026-2027 – M/M/S Gary/Lee Ann to vote for Danielle Loring of Minot for President, Matthew Garside of Poland for Vice President, Cameron Hinkley of Buckfield for Treasurer, and Maria Greeley of Wilton for Secretary and give Shiloh permission to sign on behalf of the Selectboard. Vote 5-0-0

Gary was also on and would like to continue on general assembly. Shiloh agreed to serve as well. M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to have Gary and Shiloh serve on the general assembly for AVCOG. Vote 5-0-0

8. Wilton – Jay Police Collaboration June Ballot Question – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to issue an Order to the Clerk identifying questions to be voted on, as advisory only, regarding the Wilton-Jay Police Collaboration for the June ballot with wording explaining each option. Vote 5-0-0

9. Public Works Service Agreement with Livermore, LF & Wilton – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve the updated Public Works Service Agreement. Vote 5-0-0

10. Fuel Facility Agreement with RSU73 - M/M/S Tim/Tom to approve a Fuel Facility Agreement with RSU73 for a five-year period commencing on July 1, 2026. Vote 5-0-0

11. Curbside Collection of Solid Waste & Recycling for 2026-2027 – Riverside Disposal withdrew their bid to provide curbside service to the Town of Jay mainly due to manpower issues. Somerset Disposal, the second lowest bid, agreed to the contract but at a higher price. They would charge the town \$226,500 for curbside pickup of trash weekly and recyclables biweekly. The two warrant articles total \$210,000. If warrant article 21 or 21 and 21A pass, then we will need to have a vote for the extra funds which can be done at a special town meeting. M/M/S Tim/Tom to accept the Somerset Disposal proposal for curbside collection. Vote 5-0-0

12. Tax/Sewer Acquired Property – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tim to tear down the property at 3 Marcello Street. Vote 5-0-0 Shiloh will check with the town’s lawyer for guidance on how to proceed.

13. Other Business – Shiloh told the Selectboard that the town received the SHAPE award. We have a plaque from the Department of Labor in the conference room. The Town of Jay passed its safety inspection and received highest honors. Shiloh commended the employees.

Shiloh’s 3-year term is up for the Executive Committee for MMA and she would like to serve again. M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to have Shiloh serve another term on the Executive Committee for MMA. Vote 5-0-0

Terry announced upcoming dates of interest. The meeting that was scheduled for April 27th has been changed to April 29th. The second meeting in May will be Tuesday, May 26th since Monday, the 25th, is Memorial Day and the office is closed.

Gary asked if the Selectboard would be willing to have the auditor review the audit with them this year. The Board agreed. Shiloh will ask if someone from RHR Smith could meet with them.

M/M/S Tim/Tom to adjourn at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Raeleen M. York