

TOWN OF JAY
May 26, 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: Tom Martin (Mt. Blue TV), Bob Neal (Maine Monitor), Brandon Kelly, Jeremy Richards

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

2. Minutes – May 11, 2026 - M/M/S Gary/Tom to approve the minutes from the May 11, 2026 Selectboard meeting as submitted. Vote 5-0-0

3. Old Business – The quote for cemetery work in North Jay did not include work to be done on the fence. Brady Lake provided a price for cleaning the fence at \$500. Tom indicated his concern was with the leaning granite and metal gate and said he would take care of it.

Gary requested an update on the data center. Shiloh said she had asked Tony McDonald and would reach out to him.

4. Public Hearing – Planning Board Appointment – Jennifer Lynch – Terry opened the hearing and asked if there were any questions. There were no questions. Terry closed the hearing.

5. Planning Board Appointment – Jennifer Lynch – M/M/S Gary/Tom to appoint Jennifer Lynch to the Planning Board as an alternate member. Vote 5-0-0

6. Special Amusement & Liquor License Renewal – VFW Post #3335 – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve the Special Amusement Permit for VFW Post #3335. Vote 5-0-0 M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve the Liquor License renewal for VFW Post #3335. Vote 5-0-0

7. Spruce Mtn. Board of Directors Appointment – Nelson DiPompo – M/M/S Gary/Tom to reappoint Nelson DiPompo to the Spruce Mountain Board of Directors with a term to expire July 2028. Vote 5-0-0

8. Disposal of Police Department Vehicles – M/M/S Gary/Tom to put the two police cruisers out to bid as is where is. Vote 5-0-0

9. Police Department Tasers – The police department received a proposal to purchase tasers. The Taser 10 bundle is \$64,998.00 and the on-site instructor + VR implementation is \$6,400 in a quote from Axon for a total of \$71,398 over 5 years. That is the price for 10 tasers. Brandon recommends 9 tasers. Shiloh mentioned that the Chief had talked with her about a smaller amount. The Selectboard also wanted to know which account this would come from, whether there would be a savings purchasing outright and what the cost would be for a fewer number. More information is needed. M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to table the taser decision until the next Selectboard meeting. Vote 5-0-0

10. Transfer Station Waste Oil Furnace Replacement – M/M/S Gary/Tom to approve the purchase of a CB3500 waste oil burner from Dirigo Oil for \$18,381.93 as quoted plus additional incidentals and electrician costs to come from the operating budget. Vote 5-0-0

11. Somerset Disposal Service Curbside Collection Contract – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve and sign the contract for curbside collection with Somerset Disposal. Vote 5-0-0

12. Paving Contract – M/M/S Gary/Tom to approve the paving contract with Pike for the 2026-2027 year pending legal review. Vote 5-0-0

13. Other Business – Shiloh updated the Selectboard on grants. An application has been submitted for funds to construct replacement culverts on Alden and Davenport Hill Road through the Maine Infrastructure Program. She also indicated that a grant application will be submitted next week for a Community Resilience grant for weatherization and energy efficiency projects at the Fire Stations.

Shiloh alerted the Selectboard that there are a few town employee positions that will need to be filled soon. There will be a list of job openings coming up. Cory Veilleux is leaving the police department. Brian Small is leaving Public Works. Larry Wright is retiring from the transfer station. Ronda Palmer is retiring from the town office and we need to hire a 6-hour position for the finance department. She will be putting out ads for these positions.

Terry said that he has been receiving calls and is sure everyone else on the board has as well from TV and newspaper reporters. He stated that he believes the Town Manager should be the spokesperson for the town. The Selectboard agreed.

Terry announced upcoming dates of interest. Lee Ann put in a word for the Rock of Ages show this Friday at French Falls, mentioning how good they were last year.

M/M/S Tim/Tom to adjourn at 6:32 p.m. Vote 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Raeleen M. York