

TOWN OF JAY
August 24, 2026
SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Present: Terry Bergeron, Chair; Tim DeMillo, Vice Chair; Lee Ann Dalessandro, Tom Goding, Gary McGrane, Shiloh LaFreniere, Town Manager, Raeleen York, Town Clerk, Renee Keen, Deputy Clerk, Paul Binette (Assessor)

Guests: Keagan Moody (Mt. Blue TV), Bob Neal (Maine Monitor), Nate Colannino and Dale Knapp (Walden Renewable Energy), David Brenneman (Flycatcher), Brian Salisbury, Barry McDonald, Cheryl McDonald, Clint Brooks, Chance Brooks, Pam Brooks, Sheila Lyman, Rhonda Irish, Jeff Irish, Mark DeMillo, Yvonne Demillo, Jeff Hutchinson, Donna Hutchinson, Dianna Waleik, John Waleik, Joyce Badeau, Carl Badeau, Jason Crocker, Dianne Broadway, Beverly Bacheller, Brigitte White, Karen Brackett, Elaine Brackett, Richard Taylor, Nick DeMillo, Gene Allaire, Kent Lewin, Molly Lewin, Jerry Hutchinson, Corinne Hutchinson, Robert Valles, Tanya Dwyer, Webster Farnum, Heather Crocker, Anita Harvell, Kim McDermott, Emma DiPompo, Toni Parker, Mike Parker, Cynthia Gilbert, Steve Maki, Alexander Walsh, Theresa Preble, Alicia Jones, Robert Preble, Kyle DeMillo, Paul Linder, Kristi Couture, Darryl Couture, Susan Theberge, Peter Theberge, Nancy Crocker, Melissa Burgess, Brian Burgess, Boone Burgess, Polly Given, Greg Given, Liz Couture, Barry Couture, Mark Wittenberg, Lorri Nandreau, James Boldway, Jenny Boivin, Diana Boivin, Robert DiPompo, Scott Young, Christine Muise, James Muise, Mario DeMillo, Eric Fleischmann, Cody DeMillo, Betsy Delavan, Micah Parker, Eric Geisman, Barbara Geisman, Ed Mardosa, Trevor Doiron, Rebecca Roy, Adam Mitchell, Mason Kinsey, Myle Kinsey, Scott Mastine, All Allen, a man and woman who refused to give their names.

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

2. Public Hearing Planning Board Appointments – Jennifer Lynch and Daniel Ryder – Terry opened the Public Hearing and allowed for questions. Terry closed the Public Hearing.

3. Planning Board Appointments – Jennifer Lynch and Daniel Ryder – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to appoint Jennifer Lynch and Daniel Ryder to the Planning Board as regular members with terms to expire September 2031. Vote 5-0-0

4. Minutes – August 10, 2026 - M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve the minutes from the August 10, 2026 Selectboard meeting. Vote 5-0-0

5. Old Business – Gary asked about the furnace that was tabled at the last meeting. Shiloh told the Board that the Livermore Falls Selectboard asked for more information before making a decision. Mark is still working on it.

Anita Harvell asked what is going on with the data center. Shiloh told her that the last information they had was that the data center had been suspended but that the developer was still working on developing the property. Anita asked if a data center would need approval from the Town to move forward. Shiloh confirmed that the Town does not have regulations on data centers and they would not need a permit from the Town.

6. Mobile Home Park Lot Rent Stabilization Ordinance – Lawyer, Ben McCall, spoke to the Selectboard about the ordinance and explained how base rent is established and the process for

increasing rent annually based on CPI as well as the process for requesting additional rate increases through the Planning Board. M/M/S Gary/Terry to put the Mobile Home Park Lot Rent Stabilization Ordinance on the warrant for the November 3rd election by secret ballot. Vote 3-2-0 (Tom and Lee Ann opposed)

7. Discussion Regarding Solar Facilities – The Selectboard allowed everyone present the opportunity to speak to their concerns about the solar facilities being proposed by Walden Renewable Energy and any other solar project coming to the town. Clint Brooks asked the Selectboard to vote to put in place a moratorium on new ground-mounted commercial solar array projects. Most of the residents (and some non-residents) present were in opposition to the solar project going forward for several reasons including environmental concerns, scenery, hunting and wildlife, and health concerns but others claimed that those residents were taking away the rights of landowners to do what they want with their property. Dale Knapp from Walden and Nate Colannino from Flycatcher addressed some of the concerns that were raised and also some of the information that has been circulating that they stated was false. Some accused Walden of being affiliated with the data center that tried to come into town. Dale told them that they are not affiliated. He told the townspeople that they are trying to develop, not destroy, the town. According to Dale, this project would bring around \$45,000,000 in revenue to the town over the next 40 years. There were many questions which were answered by the Selectboard and the Town Manager regarding the procedure for a moratorium and petition and the timeline to get something on the warrant for November's election. The time constraints are very tight coming to the Selectboard this close to the upcoming election. Some of the residents asked the Selectboard to put a moratorium on the warrant. Essentially it would need to be ready by September 3rd to get on the ballot in November, Shiloh explained. The Selectboard took no action at this time. However they agreed to tentatively schedule a meeting for next Tuesday, so the residents have an opportunity to circulate and present a petition to them for inclusion on the November ballot.

8. POW/MIA Ceremony – Request for Bridge Closure – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve closing the Riley Road bridge on September 18, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. for the POW/MIA ceremony. Vote 5-0-0

9. Other Business- M/M/S Gary/Tom to approve a Public Hearing for the Mobile Home Park Lot Rent Stabilization Ordinance to be held September 14, 2026.

Terry announced upcoming dates of interest.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Raeleen M. York