

TOWN OF JAFFREY
Jaffrey, New Hampshire
Select Board Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2023

Chairman: Franklin W. Sterling, Jr.

Selectmen: Kevin Chamberlain

Excused: Charles Turcotte

Town Manager: Jon Frederick

Staff: Administrative Assistant Zola

Others: Steve Brackett

A. Call to Order - 6:00 PM

B. Non-Public - None

C. Public Hearings - None

D. Appointments - 6:00pm - Steve Brackett - Welcome Corps

Steve was here to give the BOS an overview of the program and what his plans are. He has travelled to the border while working as a Geologist and saw the migrant issues happening. He has travelled to El Paso volunteering, but would like to help out locally in his retirement. Welcome Corps is a Federal program created by the US State Dept. in January of 2023. It allows private groups of 5+ adults to help resettle legal refugees, who have been approved to work, have social security cards and have gone through refugee camps at the border. He has found 8 residents who are willing to participate, so far. He plans to finalize the application in the Fall and the first families would arrive in the Spring 2024. He plans to reach out to local landlords, he's spoken to one who stated there are sporadic openings and Sterling suggested contacting Linda Harris from Shelter from the Storm who may have housing options. Transportation could be provided by CVTC. The schools would have to be notified also in the case of school aged children. He's only in the planning stages now and wanted to let the BOS know and will keep them updated. They thought it was a good idea, but the housing & transportation issues may prove to be difficulties. He will keep us updated on his progress.

E. Approval of Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Chamberlain, seconded by Sterling, the Public Minutes of June 26, 2023 were approved (2-0).

On a motion by Chamberlain, seconded by Sterling, the Non-Public Minutes of June 26, 2023 were approved and sealed (2-0).

F. Consent Agenda

1. Payroll and Vendor Manifests
2. Abatements
 - a) #2023-15 - Hayley Guyette - 75 Highland Avenue - \$205.20- Sewer
 - b) #2023-16 - James & Heidi Gray - 30 Ridgecrest Road - \$371.63 - Sewer
 - c) #2023-17 - Joseph Garcia - 8 Charlonne Street - \$84.73 - Sewer
3. Tax Collector's 6th Cycle 2023 Water & Sewer Commitment Warrant
 - a) Water - \$160,702.52
 - b) Sewer - \$181,212.97
4. Tax Exempt Property - Application Approvals
 - a) Camp Berea
 - b) Hope Baptist Church
 - c) Hope Fellowship Church
 - d) Jaffrey War Memorial Committee
 - e) Monadnock Monthly Meeting
 - f) Redeeming Grace Ministries, Inc.
5. Tax Exempt Property - Application Approval
 - a) Society for the Protection of NH Forests
6. Tax Exempt Property - Application Approval
 - a) Reality Check2, LLC
7. Tax Exempt Property - Application Approval
 - a) Park Theatre - 6 River Street
8. Raffle Requests for Riverfest
 - a) Shelter from the Storm
 - b) Daughters of the American Revolution

On a motion by Chamberlain, seconded by Sterling, the Consent Agenda was approved as presented (2-0).

G. Old Business

Cold Stone Springs Operations and Management Agreement

The agreement was reviewed by the BOS. There is an advisory committee consisting of 4 Jaffrey and 4 Peterborough members who have vetted the agreement legally. No other concerns were voiced.

On a motion by Chamberlain, seconded by Sterling, the Cold Stone Springs Operations and Management Agreement was approved (2-0).

H. New Business

Liquor License Amendment Request - Los Amigos, Inc. - 79 Hadley Road

This is an addition to the previously approved request to include the outside dining area.

On a motion by Chamberlain, seconded by Sterling, the amendment request was approved (2-0).

Road Name Request - Jamison VanDyke - Robert's Drive - Stoney Brook Development

Road name is appropriate for 9-1-1 purposes, Fire Chief has no objections.

On a motion by Chamberlain, seconded by Sterling Robert's Drive name was approved (2-0).

Resolution #2023-27 - Scarecrows on the Common - TEAM Jaffrey - October 7, 2023

Raffles were included with this permit to avoid additional paperwork and they are considered part of the event permit.

On a motion by Chamberlain, seconded by Sterling, Resolution #2023-27 was approved (2-0).

Federal Compliance Policies

These 2 policies and procedures: Communication with Persons with Limited English Proficiency and the Disability Nondiscrimination Plan need to be incorporated into the Town's Administrative code to comply with federal grant applications.

On a motion by Chamberlain, seconded by Sterling, Federal Compliance Policies were approved (2-0).

I. Reports to the Select Board

Selectmen's Reports

Sterling- Planning Board meets tomorrow with a minor subdivision on the agenda.

Meetinghouse Committee - Reading of the Declaration happened on July 4th with good attendance.

Chamberlain- No meetings occurred.

Town Manager's Report

- The June budget report was sent out to the Budget Committee. Numbers are getting tight due to the Legal line item and overtime due to storms. Chamberlain asked about the water budget and was told that the debt is paid up front, accounting for the current balances.
- Jaffrey 250th - Firemen's Muster is this Saturday, July 15th. Riverfest has many events on July 28th.
- Vintage Golf Tournament- Scheduled for August 14th. NH Government officials have been invited. Awaiting RSVP from the Governor, Annie Kuster is coming, Jeanne Shaheen is unable to attend.
- Amos Fortune Trail Marker- Event on Friday, August 18th.
- Dean Murder Presentation @ the Park Theatre- Ken Sheldon is scheduled for August 12th.

J. Other Business - None

K. Non-Public - In Accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II (J) Roll Call Vote to Enter Non-Public Session at 6:35pm (2-0) (Chamberlain-yay, Sterling-yay).

On a motion by Chamberlain, seconded by Sterling to exit non-public and seal the minutes at 7:20pm (2-0).

L. Adjournment

On a motion by Chamberlain, seconded by Sterling to adjourn at 7:20pm (2-0).

Submitted:

Attest:

Judith A. Zola
Administrative Assistant

Franklin W. Sterling, Jr.
Chairman

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