

TOWN OF JAFFREY
Jaffrey, New Hampshire
Select Board Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2023

Chairman: Franklin W. Sterling, Jr.

Selectmen: Charles Turcotte, Kevin Chamberlain

Town Manager: Jon Frederick

Staff: Planning & Economic Development Director Carr, Administrative Assistant Lyons

Others: Sandy Stewart

A. Call to Order- 6:00 pm

B. Non-Public – after public meeting

C. Public Hearings – None

D. Appointments - 6:00pm - Cody Morrison – MEDC – Redevelopment of WW Cross –

The clean-up, demolition and redevelopment opportunities for the property were discussed. There are many different funding resources for all phases of the project from the mediation to the demolition and possible redevelopment.

The Town is looking to implement a mixed-use property with possible housing, retail and commercial use that would provide public benefit.

There are possible funding sources such as the Brownfields Clean-up through the EPA Program. Once the building is demoed the soil can be tested to identify what the redevelopment would look like. JoAnn Carr has a meeting with DES and EPA September 26th to discuss the possible estimated cost of the project. She indicated through this process we should also continue to look at the redevelopment phase of this project to keep this moving forward.

Work is being done on a Grant Application with a deadline of November 13, 2023. The possible awarding of the Grant would not be until the beginning of 2024 with disbursement in October 2024.

6:25 pm - Steve Reichert – Fuss and O’Neill Engineers – Stratton Road/Peterborough Street Sidewalk Project Updates was presented to the Board via zoom.

The project will be 2 phases:

Phase 1 is proposed to begin on Stratton Road when school is out of session in 2024. The sidewalk will be on both sides of the road starting at the school going SW to NE up to the area of the roundabout.

Phase 2 begins at the roundabout going NE, the sidewalk on the south side stops at the Monadnock Plaza. The sidewalk on the north side will be extended to Ridgecrest. It is proposed to install a median at the Plaza to accommodate a for cross walk.

Rapid flashing beacons will be installed at the cross walk at the Plaza as well as Webster Street.

There will be three crosswalks, Main Street, Webster Street and at the Plaza. Concern was raised regarding the crosswalk at Athens Pizza. However, the DOT does not like mid-block crossing. Joanne requested to potentially revisit this issue.

Chamberlain raised the concern regarding Stratton Road regarding the end of the sidewalk. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

E. Approval of Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Chamberlain, seconded by Turcotte, the public minutes of September 11, 2023 were approved (3-0).

On a motion by Chamberlain, seconded by Turcotte, the non-public minutes of September 11, 2023 were approved and sealed (3-0).

F. Consent Agenda

1. Payroll and Vendor Manifests
2. Tax Collector's 9th Cycle 2023 Septic Haulers Commitment Warrant
 - a) \$13,123.84
3. Tax Collector's 9th Cycle 2023 Water & Sewer Commitment Warrant
 - a) Water - \$127,407.04
 - b) Sewer - \$147,475.86
4. NHDES Authority to Submit a DWGTF Funding Application

On a motion by Chamberlain, seconded by Turcotte, the Consent Agenda was approved as presented (3-0).

G. Old Business - None

H. New Business – None

I. Reports to the Select Board

Selectmen's Reports

Sterling – Nothing to report

Chamberlain – Concom is sponsoring and updated NRI project being done by Moosewood Ecological. They presented a draft of the work to date. Sometime in January they hope to have a presentation to the Town Boards.

Walk thru of Carey Park, Children's Woods and Lacy Road forest.

Turcotte – Cemetery Committee had a working meeting September 21, 2023 at the Old Burial Ground. Straightening and cleaning of head stones took place.

Town Manager's Report

- Budget season is underway
- Jon will be attending the International City Managers Conference the first week of October.

J. Other Business

Sandy Stewart presented to the Board her concerns regarding the September 18, 2023 public School Board Meeting that she attended. The School Board would like to increase the 2023/2024 appropriations that was approved by the voters. They would like to increase it by \$252,166, that this is unexpected increase in the adequacy funds that they were not aware of.

The Superintendents response was this would be used for maintenance that were omitted from their budget so they would be able to leave the budget request low to the Town.

The Chairman stated that the use of this money will be voted on by voters on October 2, 2023. A motion was made to move forward with the use of the monies.

Charlie Eicher voted no, stating that the school district already has unexpended funds for approximately \$252,000.

One School Board member spoke out saying the unexpended funds were to be used for a rainy day. Stewart wanted to make sure the word got out to the public regarding these monies. Further discussion took place regarding a No vote as to where the monies would then be allocated.

K. Non-Public - On a motion from Chamberlain, seconded by Turcotte, in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II (J) Roll Call Vote to Enter Non-Public Session at 7:10pm.
(3-0) (Sterling-yay, Chamberlain-yay, Turcotte-yay).

On a motion by Chamberlain, seconded by Turcotte, to exit non-public at 7:17pm and seal the minutes (3-0).

L. Adjournment

On a motion by Chamberlain, seconded by Turcotte to adjourn at 7:17pm (3-0).

Submitted:

Attest:

Katy Lyons
Administrative Assistant

Franklin W. Sterling, Jr.
Chairman

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