

TOWN OF JAFFREY
Jaffrey, New Hampshire
Select Board Minutes
January 11, 2021

Chairman: Franklin W. Sterling, Jr.

Selectmen: Kevin Chamberlain

Excused: Jon E. Belletete

Town Manager: Jon Frederick

Staff: Planning & Economic Development Director Jo Anne Carr (Zoom), Administrative Assistant Judy Zola

Guests: Jonathan Garhart (Zoom)

A. Call to Order- 6:00pm

B. Non-Public – None

C. Appointments – None

D. Public Hearings –

First Presentation of Public Benefit Findings Pursuant to RSA 33:3 for Broadband Infrastructure Bonds

Chairman Sterling opened the Public Meeting at 6:02pm. Chamberlain read the summary of findings, which are attached to these minutes. Carr explained that the full document can be found on the Town of Jaffrey website on the Broadband Project Page. Chamberlain stated there has been a lot of research and that the downtown area does have 25-3 speed. Outside of a mile of downtown the residents are underserved. Consolidated Communications has DSL, Comcast is co-axial, but the majority of town is not served by either. Funding of the bond was discussed. Consolidated needs a certain number of subscribers to cover the cost. With Comcast, the Town would pay. Garhart would be an advocate for fiber in the future due to more homeschooling burdens from the households. There will be a second hearing of findings scheduled for January 25, 2021 at 6:00pm. Hearing no more input from the public, Sterling closed the Public Meeting at 6:15pm.

E. Approval of Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Chamberlain, seconded by Sterling, the Public Minutes of December 28, 2020 were approved (2-0)

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F. Consent Agenda

1. Payroll and Vendor Manifests

2. Abatements
 - a) #2021-1 – Jaffrey Parks & Recreation – 31 Howard Hill Road - \$390.03 – Sewer Chamberlain suggested a separate deduct meter should be set up at the Recreation Dept. for flooding the ice rink.

3. Veteran Exemption
 - a) Richard Pastor – 136 Crestview Drive - Veteran’s Tax Credit - \$500.00

4. Acceptance of Donations
 - a) Playground Fund: Marc Tieger - \$ 100.00
 - b) Meetinghouse Tower Project Fund: Kevin Sterling - \$250.00
 - c) Meetinghouse Tower Project Fund: Robert Schaumann - \$25.00
 - d) Meetinghouse Tower Project Fund: Marc Tieger - \$100.00

5. Deputy Health Officer Nomination – Karen Van Houten
The Deputy’s duties would be house inspections not septic inspections.

6. Yield Tax Levy
 - a) #20-233-03-T- William Jack – Map 202/Lot 5 - \$1,537.73

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

G. Old Business - None

H. New Business

Resolution #2021-1- Authorization to Expend from the Bridge Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund - \$32,301.66 – Quantum Construction Consultants- Letourneau Drive Culvert

On a motion by Chamberlain, seconded by Sterling, Resolution #2021-01 was approved (2-0).

Resolution #2021-2- Authorization to Expend from the Turner-Harold Fire Fund - \$3,700.00- Higher Design, LLC Engineering and Survey Studies. This would enable the properties to be joined.

On a motion by Chamberlain, seconded by Sterling, Resolution #2021-02 was approved (2-0).

NH DOT Request for Disposition of Property – The State will be purchasing the Lab N Lager and 15 River Street. The buildings need to be removed prior to the start of the project, which is Summer of 2023. The State would like to know if the Town would like them destroyed prior to that time. After discussion, the BOS would like to see the buildings destroyed upon the State taking possession of them. Sterling would like them destroyed within 6 months of the State’s possession. Vote taken (2-0).

Main Street Water Main Break Discussion- There was a slippage due to the contractors not installing a preventor. It is believed that the work was done in warm weather and when the colder weather occurred, there was shrinkage in the fitting, which caused the leak. Tighe and Bond was notified and assisted in the repair. Chamberlain suggested that Tony from the Water/Sewer department obtain digital photo confirmation that it's repaired.

Schedule Select Board Goals Setting Meeting- Meeting will be scheduled for January 20th in the Town Office Conference Room from 11:30am to 1:30pm.

I. Reports to the Select Board

Selectmen's Reports

Sterling- Budcom is going well, no budget changes have happened yet. No other committees have met.

Chamberlain- No meetings have occurred.

Town Manager's Report

- Town Meeting Warrant- There will be a request to change the Class VI road to Class B trail on Carey Road. Primary access will not inhibit the road. Children's Woods will not allow motorized vehicles from below the sewer easement down to the river. Abutters will be notified. There will be a public meeting for this change and for Sherwin Hill Road, which goes into Rindge. TM Frederick will draft both requests together and present them at one meeting.

J. Other Business

K. Non-Public- In Accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II (J) Roll Call Vote to Enter Non-Public Session at 6:36pm (Sterling -Yay; Chamberlain-Yay).

On a motion by Chamberlain, seconded by Sterling to exit non-public session at 7:04pm and to seal the minutes (3-0).

L. Adjournment

On a motion by Chamberlain, seconded by Sterling, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm (2-0).

Submitted:

Attest:

Judith A. Zola
Administrative Assistant

Franklin W. Sterling, Jr.
Chairman

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