

TOWN OF JAFFREY
Budget Committee
January 24, 2019

Members Present: Norm Langevin, Charlie Turcotte, Peter Maki, Frank Sterling, Bob Schaumann, Sam Greene, Don MacIsaac

Staff: Town Manager Frederick, DPW Director Heglin, Finance Director Langille, Administrative Assistant Zola,

Meeting opened: 6:01 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

On a motion by Maki, seconded by Turcotte, meeting minutes from January 15, 2019 were approved with changes to Page 1 & Page 5- All in favor (7-0).

Meeting Minutes from January 17, 2019 were put on hold pending the following corrections:

- Page 1 – Change Hot Meat to “Hot Meals”
- Page 4- Change JCC from \$3,500 to \$4,000
- Page 5 – CLAPA – should the minutes reflect that this request was a “one shot deal” hoping this should go down in the future. Also, to reflect that the question was asked for donations were asked of both the Rindge and Jaffrey Conservation Commissions.

Administrative Assistant Zola will review tape, adjust minutes and sent to Chairman Langevin for review. Minutes can be approved at Public Budget Session on 2/9/19.

DISCUSSION -

Conservation Commission- Sterling looked at the revenues from last year, the ConCom received approximately \$ 3,700 in Land Use Change Taxes. Current Balance is \$ 95,496. Monies are usually used for their projects and land acquisitions.

Water Line Replacement- There is a revised figure of \$2.84 Million for the first article. There is a second article. The \$2.84 million includes the add-on of Aetna Street. The article would be asking to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$ 2.84 million. This would include School Street, Stratton Road, Squantum Road and the addition of Aetna Street. Heglin agreed that Aetna is in need of road repair and it would make sense to repair the water main there now and then do the paving. Sewer still needs to be looked at in the same area. DPW did a horizontal Asset Study to look at all the mains in town and came up with a replacement plan to systematically upgrade and replace the water mains. For all three roads (School, Squantum, Stratton be repaired/replaced totaled \$4.5 Million. Heglin seeked grants from the state. DES was only \$1.9 million was available. They then reduced the scope down to the available funding to include Stratton, Squantum from Darcie to Howard Hill and School. Aetna was added to the

scope as an add-alternate. \$ 796,570 left for the town to raise. The state may have more funds available after March if projects get cancelled, but the whole amount should be in the warrant article with the wording “up to/ or not to exceed”. All the loans have principal forgiveness which is calculated and taken off after the first payment. The rate would be fixed and is around 2.7% presently.

Schaumann asked if the project gets delayed a year, what is the % of increased costs. Heglin said it’s usually the about the cost of living 3-4% increased.

The loan right now would be for \$1.9 million, but the warrant article would be written to reflect up to the \$2.8 million to allow the Town to get a higher loan value if more funds become available and we would be able to add on Aetna Street.

Selectman Sterling believes this will be well received at the public hearing on Monday. If this gets passed at Town Meeting, tax impact wouldn’t happen until late 2020/early 2021. Heglin noted that the bid price may not be finalized by Town Meeting, but the amount should be close to their estimate.

There was discussion on how to word the article and Heglin stressed the fact that if the Town does not receive funding from the State for the whole project, he will scale down the project to fit the funding.

This will be the first article at Town Meeting, the BOS will explain this to the public. If it’s not passed, the project will not happen. Greene asked about the phases and how many are left, 2-3 years would be the next phase. Stratton, Prescott and Sawtelle remain.

On a motion by Schaumann, seconded by Maki, to tentatively accept the draft warrant article for \$2.840 million for Replacement and Rehab of water lines. Vote taken- All in favor (7-0).

School Street- There is a request for \$ 29,500 for design money for improvements on School Street to coordinate with school plans for a bus lane. In 2017, there was a Complete Streets demo in front of Jaffrey Grade School. If these improvements are done in front of the school, the remainder of School Street would need to be improved...the Town owns the road and sidewalks. If the School bond request doesn’t pass than this warrant article can be passed over. The School’s plan in to put in an island to create a bus lane for drop off and creating a thru lane for other traffic. Heglin said the school will help with the construction costs, this request is for the entire street design. If the school district dissolves, both towns are still responsible for outstanding bonds. School Street still needs to be addressed whether school bond passes or not.

On a motion by Turcotte, seconded by Schaumann, \$29,500 was tentatively approved for complete streets draft article Vote taken- All in favor (7-0).

RSA 36A – Explained that the Conservation Commission can spend monies as they deem appropriate in their guidelines of the commission. They do not need permission from other Town Authorities on where and how to spend these monies.

Next meeting is Saturday 2/9/19 at 9:00am at the Jaffrey Fire Station. Member should arrive no later than 8:45am. Chairman Langevin will send members his presentation along with up to date budget documents.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion presented by Sterling to adjourn meeting seconded by Greene. (7-0)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:17p.m.

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