

TOWN OF JAFFREY
Jaffrey, New Hampshire
Select Board Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2021

Chairman: Franklin W. Sterling, Jr.

Selectmen: John E. Belletete (via Zoom), Kevin Chamberlain

Town Manager: Jon Frederick

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

A. Call to Order – 6:01pm

Roll Call Attendance (Sterling-Present, Belletete-Present, Chamberlain-Present).

Chairman Sterling read the Right to Know Statement

B. Non-Public – None

C. Appointments – None

D. Public Hearings – None

E. Approval of Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Belletete, seconded by Chamberlain, the Public Minutes of February 8, 2021 were approved (3-0) Roll Call Vote (Sterling-Yay, Belletete-Yay, Chamberlain-Yay).

On a motion by Belletete, seconded by Chamberlain, the Non-Public Minutes of February 8, 2021 were approved and sealed (3-0). Roll Call Vote (Sterling-Yay, Belletete-Yay, Chamberlain-Yay).

F. Consent Agenda

1. Payroll and Vendor Manifests
2. Abatements
 - a) #2021-4 – Paul & Mary-Ellen Arruda – 307 Main Street - \$474.20 - Sewer **DENIED**
 - b) #2021-5 – Jaffrey Parks & Recreation – 31 Howard Hill Road - \$506.33 - Sewer
3. Veteran Exemption
 - a) Vernon Charlonne – 351 North Street -Veteran’s Tax Credit - \$500.00
 - b) David Fletcher – 213 Dean Farm Road - Veteran’s Tax Credit - \$500.00
4. Elderly Exemption
 - a) Jean Secovich – 173 Scenic Drive **DENIED**

5. Tax Collector's 2nd Cycle 2021 Water and Sewer Commitment Warrant
 - a) Water - \$103,113.71
 - b) Sewer - \$111,518.02
6. Yield Tax Levy
 - a) #20-233-11-T – BW Gilmore Realty Trust – Map 226/Lot 1
7. Acceptance of Grants and Donations
 - a) NH Charitable Foundation – Meetinghouse Tower Project - \$2,500
 - b) Bellows-Nichols Insurance Agency – Playground Fund - \$100
 - c) The First Church in Jaffrey – Welfare Fund - \$400
8. Conservation Commission Appointments
 - a) Pam Armstrong – Full Member – Term Expires 2022
 - b) Francis McBride – Full Member – Term Expires 2023
 - c) Charles Koch – Full Member – Term Expires 2023
 - d) William Graf – Full Member – Term Expires 2024
 - e) Elizabeth Webster – Full Member – Term Expires 2024
 - f) Carolyn Garretson – Full Member – Term Expires 2024

On a motion by Belletete, seconded by Chamberlain, the Consent Agenda was approved with items #2-A and #4-A being denied. (3-0) Roll Call Vote (Sterling-Yay, Belletete-Yay, Chamberlain-Yay).

G. Old Business - None

H. New Business

Broadband RFP Selection- Jo Anne Carr explained that the Broadband Committee is an active committee and pulled all the data together and went out for proposals. The two that came in were from Consolidated Communications and Comcast. Consolidated was willing to pay the bond, using new user's fees. Comcast wanted the entire bond debt to be covered by the Town. The Committee is recommending Consolidated due to the faster speeds and less expensive rates. Consolidated will also have rates for low to moderate income residents. They also own the poles being used, which will save time. If the home has existing utilities to the poles, Broadband will be available at the street. If the homeowner has buried utilities, they will then have to pay to have broadband buried also. Another public hearing needs to happen, along with a public information session with Consolidated. The next Bond Hearing will be at the March 8th BOS meeting at the Jaffrey Fire Station. The Public Information Session will be held closer to the Town Meeting date and Consolidated will be at Town Meeting.

On a motion by Belletete, seconded by Chamberlain, the Consolidated Communications Broadband proposal was approved with TM Frederick authorized to represent the BOS. (3-0) Roll Call Vote (Sterling-Yay, Belletete-Yay, Chamberlain-Yay).

I. Other Business - None

J. Reports to the Select Board

Selectmen's Reports

Sterling- Budget Committee and Meetinghouse Committee meetings are done.

Belletete – Planning Board reviewed the request for the lot across the street from Athens. Also reviewed the land next to the Fire Station.

Chamberlain- The Conservation Commission met last week and reviewed the easement regarding Letourneau culvert. They will be working with the schools to offer educational programs online. The Children's Woods trail marker samples will be reviewed. There was discussion of having the Boy Scouts work on building bridges at Cheshire Pond Conservation area.

Town Manager's Report

- Getting ready for Town Meeting. There will be a meeting with staff on Tuesday.
- Thursday, February 25th is Candidate's Night via Zoom.
- Cold Stone Springs - 3 responses were received with Underwood being chosen. A Deadline of 2023 is looking likely.
- Letourneau Culvert will be done in 2021, Bridge in 2022, Mitigation is holding up the schedule.

Belletete exited the meeting at 6:36pm

K. - Non-Public -On a motion by Chamberlain, seconded by Sterling to enter Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (D) (J) at 6:37pm (Sterling-yay, Chamberlain-yay)

On a motion by Chamberlain, seconded by Sterling to exit Non-Public session at 6:59pm and to seal the minutes (2-0).

L. Adjournment

On a motion by Chamberlain, seconded by Sterling, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm (3-0).

Submitted:

Attest:

Judith A. Zola
Administrative Assistant

Franklin W. Sterling, Jr.
Chairman

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