

TOWN OF JAFFREY
Jaffrey, New Hampshire
Select Board Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2021 - 10:00am

Chairman: Franklin W. Sterling, Jr.

Selectmen: John E. Belletete, Kevin Chamberlain (Excused)

Town Manager: Jon Frederick

Staff: Administrative Assistant Zola

Others: Rindge Select Board: Bob Hamilton, Karl Pruter, Mary Beth Quill, Rindge Town Administrator Sarah Gravel

A. Call to Order: 10:07am

B. Introductions:

Both Rindge and Jaffrey Select Boards introduced themselves.

C. Discussion: Contoocook Beach Parking

Last Fall the Jaffrey BOS was asked to make changes to the Contoocook Beach parking area due to many resident complaints of out-of-state cars filling the parking lot. The intention was to limit the number of cars by instituting a parking sticker only parking with a fee for stickers. This was not an option due to a deed being discovered for the parking area that clearly stated that the parking area only, not the beach, was restricted to Jaffrey residents and their guests only and a parking fee was not allowed. It is now restricted to Jaffrey residents only, who have a Jaffrey Transfer Station sticker. Police will be monitoring for violators of this policy. The Jaffrey BOS stressed the fact that it is only the parking lot that is restricted, not the beach. Thorndike Pond beach has a similar resident only parking lot, with the beach open to the public. Pruter mentioned that the two towns are so intertwined with the cooperative school district, he would love to see a solution. Hamilton asked if Rindge residents could be considered Jaffrey guests and possibly use the Rindge transfer station stickers as identification. Quill had mentioned blocking off part of the road for parking at the Woodbound Road end of the beach, however it's a public road that cannot be blocked/restricted. Chairman Sterling stated that Jaffrey did hold a public hearing and this is what the Jaffrey residents wanted. With the increase of out of state vehicles using the parking due to covid restrictions in Massachusetts, Jaffrey residents couldn't use their own beach. The Deed is binding, unless all heirs an assigns would agree to change the restriction. TM Frederick stated that there will be a great deal of advertising about the new parking restrictions, along with signage. The Police Department will give warnings first, then follow up with tickets and towing for repeat offenders. There is parking at Humiston Field, and there can be discussion of running a shuttle. There is no staffing at the beach due to the lack of lifeguards, which postings will state to swim at your own risk. There will not be sand put across the road, limiting the beach size.

It was suggested to re-visit this issue in the Fall to see how things were this Summer regarding complaints and parking enforcement.

Rindge doesn't have any public beaches, so this is their only option close by.

Other discussion was about the Broadband projects in both towns, the timeline for the Route 202 project and Sherwin Hill Road conversion to a Class A trail.

D. Adjournment

On a motion by Belletete, seconded by Sterling, the meeting was adjourned at 10:51pm.

Submitted:

Attest:

Judith A. Zola
Administrative Assistant

Franklin W. Sterling, Jr.
Chairman

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