

TOWN OF JAFFREY
Jaffrey, New Hampshire
Select Board Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2021

Chairman: Franklin W. Sterling, Jr.

Selectmen: John E. Belletete, Kevin Chamberlain

Town Manager: Jon Frederick

Staff: Superintendent of Utilities Cavaliere, Fire Chief Chamberlain, Administrative Assistant Zola

A. Call to Order - 4:00pm

B. New Business

Tax Rate- The State Department of Revenue recommended \$27.89, which is up 36 cents from last year. This figure is under the projected rate stated at Town Meeting. By using \$435,000 to offset the rate, the remaining fund balance is still at an acceptable level. The BOS is pleased with this number and would support the DRA's recommendation.

On a motion by Belletete, seconded by Chamberlain, the Jaffrey Tax rate is set at \$27.89. (3-0).

NH DES PFOS Violation- Tony was present to inform the Board that the Turnpike well has been shut down since August. Billing will be going out after meter readings on the 15th, and a notice will be going out to all users after Tony receives the required notice wording from DES. The investigation is ongoing. Only the affected well is shut down, the other well is functioning and not showing any levels. There was only one reading that was elevated and levels have been trending downward. Residents will be informed of the situation via their water/sewer bills and via the town website.

Water/Sewer Rates- Sewer was discussed first. All the sewer revenue is used to pay debt. \$150,000 is included for sewer lining. They have been trying to coordinate sewer projects and paving. Tony explained that Stratton Road repairs will be done using federal funds. Ellston to Forcier funds for re-lining are available. The Cross Road generator needs to be moved outside of the building and some electrical upgrades need to be done. Suez contributes \$40,000 for maintenance on the Treatment Plant. Lagoon Closures and Stratton Road cannot be done unless we get grant funding. Sludge in the lagoons, solar array and capping off the landfill were also discussed. Tony will be looking into funding sources. Regarding the re-lining of pipes, Tony stated 30% are done with 70% remaining.

On a motion by Belletete, seconded by Chamberlain, the following Sewer Rates were approved (3-0)

	as of January 1, 2022	\$14.99 first 1000 gallons
		\$2.05 per 100 gallons thereafter

Water Rates- The Board decided that the rates should be held steady until the Cold Stone Springs project is completed. Tony reviewed the spreadsheet with the present and projected water revenues and expenses (attached). The Bryant, Sawtelle, Wheeler and Libby Court projects were mentioned as needing fund replacements. The schedule for Squantum Road was also reviewed. Stony Brook was discussed regarding potential users and costs/revenues to add this development to the system.

C. Adjournment

On a motion by Belletete, seconded by Sterling, the meeting was adjourned at 5:12pm. (3-0)

Submitted:

Attest:

Judith A. Zola
Administrative Assistant

Franklin W. Sterling, Jr.
Chairman

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