

TOWN OF JAFFREY
Jaffrey, New Hampshire
Select Board Meeting Minutes
December 27, 2021

Chairman: Franklin W. Sterling, Jr.

Selectmen: John E. Belletete, Kevin Chamberlain

Town Manager: Jon Frederick

Staff: Administrative Assistant Zola

Guests: Laurel McKenzie

A. Call to Order - 6:02pm

B. Non-Public - None

C. Appointments - Laurel McKenzie, the Jaffrey BOS representative on the School Board was here to discuss the upcoming School Budget requests. There have been 3 budgets presented, the proposed \$26,409,280, the default \$25,610,617 and the Superintendent's. The School Board backed the one for \$25,620,000, which did not have any staff cuts. The school district is in a tough place due to the increased cost of residential Special Education, which has increased 200%. There is a reserved fund that was established in case a new family moves into the district, this is usually funded by the surplus, but this year there isn't a surplus. There is no building maintenance fund and many school buildings need work in addition to emergency repairs that had to be done, without funding in place. The energy upgrade bond is still outstanding. They are looking into bonding all repairs/upgrades needed and Belletete suggested a study be done to see what needs to be done, when and the cost. A construction manager would be advised to do the study and also determine the cost benefit of repairing vs. new construction. The proposed teacher CBA is also asking for funding to create a fund to assist teachers in repaying their student loans. At this time, if the default budget were to pass, it would mean an increase of \$2.78 per thousand for Jaffrey, not including the warrant articles. The Select Board was not in favor of these increases.

The School Board budget hearing is January 13th @ Conant 6:30pm.

D. Public Hearings - None

E. Approval of Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Belletete, seconded by Chamberlain, the Public Minutes of December 13, 2021 were approved (3-0).

On a motion by Belletete, seconded by Chamberlain, the Non-Public Minutes of December 13, 2021 were approved and sealed (3-0).

On a motion by Belletete, seconded by Chamberlain, the Public Minutes of December 21, 2021 were approved (3-0).

F. Consent Agenda

1. Payroll and Vendor Manifests
2. Tax Collector's Supplemental Warrant - Property Taxes
 - a) St. Patrick's School - Map 238/Lot 154-1 - \$9,549.54
(this is the billing for the school building only- not tax exempt anymore)
3. Acceptance of Donations for the Recreation Department
 - a) \$5 for the Playground Fund
 - b) \$96 for Special Events - Christmas from various Annual Tree Lighting participants
4. Authorization to Expend Funds: Gravestone Expendable Trust Fund
 - a) \$195 - Peterborough Marble & Granite Works, LLC - Gravestone Repair

On a motion by Belletete, seconded by Chamberlain, the Consent Agenda was approved (3-0).

G. Old Business - None

H. New Business -

MRI Police Staffing Analysis- The BOS will need to review the report and the police chief can come to a future meeting to discuss the findings.

Resolution #2021-49 - Authorize the withdrawal of \$3,446.90 from the Bridges CRF for payment of permitting and design work for Letourneau Drive culvert replacement. There is 75% reimbursement from FEMA. On a motion by Belletete, seconded by Chamberlain, Resolution #2021-49 was approved (3-0).

Resolution #2021-50 - Authorize the withdrawal of \$7,512.08 from the Bridges CRF for payment of permitting and design work for Nutting Road Bridge Project. On a motion by Belletete, seconded by Chamberlain, Resolution #2021-50 was approved (3-0).

Resolution #2021-51- Authorize the withdrawal of \$2,766.97 from the Lagoon Closure CRF for Engineering work to permit the closure of the sewer lagoons. On a motion by Belletete, seconded by Chamberlain, Resolution #2021-51 was approved (3-0).

I. Reports to the Select Board

Selectmen's Reports

Sterling- Budcom starts next week. HDC and Meetinghouse Committees have not met.

Belletete- Planning Board had a brief meeting regarding a lot line adjustment on Gilson Road.

Chamberlain - No Meetings

Town Manager's Report

- Consolidated Communications Broadband Buildout - Building is done. Residential installation can begin. Sign up information is on the town website front page.
- Solar Discussion- Lagoon closures have the project on hold. \$30,000 is the cost for the studies to be done. Discussion of a land lease for the landfill was discussed. TM will follow up with the appropriate staff to get more information.
- Stratton Road Funding- TM Frederick discussed some funding options that may be available such as: \$1,300,000 in SRF funding, \$910,000 in ARPA funds and a grant for \$481,000 with an additional \$300,000 that would be on the warrant to be funded by the users. There would be 10% loan forgiveness available.

J. Other Business -None

K. Non-Public – None

L. Adjournment

On a motion by Belletete, seconded by Chamberlain, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04pm.

Submitted:

Attest:

Judith A. Zola
Administrative Assistant

Franklin W. Sterling, Jr.
Chairman

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