

TOWN OF JAFFREY
Jaffrey, New Hampshire
Select Board Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2022

Chairman: Franklin W. Sterling, Jr.

Selectmen: Kevin Chamberlain

Excused: John E. Belletete

Town Manager: Jon Frederick

Staff: Superintendent of Highways and Facilities Croteau, Administrative Assistant Zola

Others: Alex Bird, Kevin Hampsey, Suze & Ken Campbell, Kelly Bergeron, Jeanne Leviss, Lesley Appleby

A. Call to Order - 6:00 pm

B. Non-Public - None

C. Public Hearing

Issuance of Bonds and Notes in excess of \$100,000: Appropriation of \$750,000 for Fire Engine One Replacement

Chairman Sterling opened the Public Hearing at 6:01pm

This article funds the replacement of Fire Engine One. The existing Firetruck has been in service since 1993 and the truck and pump need repairs that are cost prohibitive for a truck of its age. If approved the new firetruck would take 18 months to be built and delivered. The vote on the article would be to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$750,000.00 and to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$350,000.00 from the existing Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund to be used as a down payment towards the purchase. The Select Board would be authorized to negotiate the issuance of not more than \$400,000 in bonds, notes, or leases to finance the balance of the cost of the truck. The balance of the CRF as of 12/31/2021 was \$440,474. Approval of this article would bring the reserve fund balance to \$50,474. A 3/5 ballot vote is required.

The Town buys the chaise and then the body work is done to the specifications needed. Resident Kelly Bergeron asked if the old truck would be used as a trade and yes it will be.

Hearing no other comments/concerns from the public, Chairman Sterling closed the Public Hearing at 6:06pm.

D. Appointments

Harkness Road Closure Discussion-

Suze Campbell was present on behalf of the Jaffrey VIS to request the closure of Harkness Road at Bryant Road due to the dangerousness of the intersection, with cars speeding and limited visibility with the angle of the intersection. Before a road discontinuance can go before Town Meeting for a vote, there are a few steps in the process. Tonight's meeting is to discuss with the abutters the process and to gather input.

The abutters present at tonight's meeting, Alex Bird, Jeanne Leviss and Lesley Appleby had the following concerns/comments: If the road was blocked off, the concern of the snow plow's ability to plow and turn around was discussed. Speeding was also mentioned that coming off Route 124, cars don't slow down. Rumble strips were also mentioned, but may not be advised as they are noisy. The suggestion of doing a one-way instead of a full closure was also a possibility discussed. Counting of vehicles and increased police patrols for speeding were suggested. TM Frederick and Superintendent Croteau will discuss the pros and cons of the different pilots suggested and will present their findings at the next meeting. The abutters agreed with this plan to move ahead with the pilot.

E. Approval of Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Chamberlain, seconded by Sterling, the Public Minutes of January 24, 2022 were approved (2-0).

On a motion by Chamberlain, seconded by Sterling, the Public Minutes of January 26, 2022 were approved (2-0).

On a motion by Chamberlain, seconded by Sterling, the Public Minutes of February 2, 2022 were approved (2-0).

F. Consent Agenda

1. Payroll and Vendor Manifests

2. Abatements

- a) #2022-2 - William Boyce - 7 White Road - \$19.56 - Sewer
- b) #2022-3 - Donna Cormier - 20 Brook Street - \$7.23 - Tax Interest
- c) #2022-4 - Rita Archambault Rev. Trust - 8 Cross Street - \$13.97 - Tax Interest

3. Exemptions

- a) Laurence Clayton - 125 Michigan Road - Veteran's Tax Credit - \$500 & Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability - \$1,800
- b) David Guild - 43 Lakewood Drive - Veteran's Tax Credit - \$500
- c) Denny Hilton - 54 Harkness Road - Veteran's Tax Credit - \$500 & Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability - \$1,800
- d) Robert Jalbert - 68 North Street - Tax Credit for Service Connected Total Disability- \$1,800
- e) Russell Pedersen - 353 Dublin Road - All Veteran's Tax Credit - \$500

4. Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber

- a) #21-233-10T - Paula Geraghty - Map 222/ Lot 24 - Great Road

5. Yield Tax Levy

- a) #21-233-05-T - Marguerite Deschenes - Map247/Lot 63.1 - \$1,161.93

6. Land Use Tax Change- David Bliss Revocable Trust 2019
 - a) 700 Gilmore Pond Road - Map 228/Lot 44-1 - \$2,000
 - b) 712 Gilmore Pond Road - Map 228/Lot 44-2 - \$6,990
 - c) 714 Gilmore Pond Road - Map 228/ Lot 44-3 - \$6,990
7. Board/Committee Appointments
 - a) Phil Cournoyer - ZBA - Alternate Member
 - b) Carl Jevne - ZBA Full Member - Term Expires 2023
8. Acceptance of Donations - Recreation Department - \$35
9. Tax Collector's 2nd Cycle 2022 Septic Haulers Commitment Warrant
 - a) \$6,252.00

On a motion by Chamberlain, seconded by Sterling, the Consent Agenda was approved as presented (2-0).

G. Old Business

H. New Business

Request for Amos Fortune Series Banners - The town's sign ordinance prohibits any off premises signs, with the exception of the sale of agricultural products, "For Sale" and "For Rent" signs. Additionally, we do not permit placement of signs on town property. The exception here is for town sponsored events taking place on the specific property, such as the Common. For this reason, the request must be denied.

On a motion by Chamberlain, seconded by Sterling, the request to hang banners on town light poles was denied (2-0).

Resolution #2021-44 - St. Patrick's Day Parade - March 12, 2022

Kevin Hampsey was present to explain that the road will only be closed for the time of the parade, not disrupting traffic for an extended period of time. WMUR will be filming the parade and he feels this will be good exposure for businesses. TM Frederick requested that a coordination meeting between the organizers and staff happen before the event and that the approval of this permit be a conditional approval until this meeting happens. All agreed to these terms.

On a motion by Chamberlain, seconded by Sterling, Resolution #2021-44 was approved with the condition that a coordination meeting will take place. (2-0).

Resolution #2022-02 – Request to Disburse Capital Facilities Impact Fees

On a motion by Chamberlain, seconded by Sterling, Resolution #2022-02 was approved (2-0).

Certification of the 2022 Warrant Articles - The Board signed the warrants having voted on them at their last meeting.

I. Reports to the Select Board

Selectmen's Reports

Sterling - Budget Hearing was on February 5th. Meetinghouse and HDC committees have not met.

Chamberlain - Concom meets this week.

Town Manager's Report

- Flushing of the waterlines are on a cycle of 3 times per day. No lines are being continuously flushed.
- Human Services Requests- For future petitioner requests, a change to the application process and having it as a budget item instead of a petition was mentioned. The Budget Committee will discuss this at future meetings and the BOS can consider a change to the process putting a cap on the amounts distributed.
- The DOT Route 202 meeting is tomorrow night at the Fire Station.

J. Other Business

K. Non-Public – None

L. Adjournment

On a motion by Chamberlain, seconded by Sterling, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm.

Submitted:

Attest:

Judith A. Zola
Administrative Assistant

Franklin W. Sterling, Jr.
Chairman

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