

TOWN OF JAFFREY
Jaffrey, New Hampshire
Select Board Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2022

Chairman: Franklin W. Sterling, Jr.

Selectmen: Kevin Chamberlain, John E. Belletete via Zoom

Town Manager: Jon Frederick

Staff: Administrative Assistant Zola

Others: JB Mack - SWRPC, Catherine Owen Koning - Monadnock Sustainability Hub,
Elizabeth Webster

A. Call to Order - 6:00 pm

B. Non-Public

C. Public Hearing

D. Appointments

Community Power Presentation – JB Mack and Catherine Owen Koning were in attendance to explain about Community Power. This is of interest to small companies and residents that could benefit from buying electricity at wholesale rates. Eversource would still own and maintain the poles/wires. This would result in local control, local pricing and more use of renewable energy. A reserve fund would be advised to cover fluctuations in prices. The process would be initiated by getting the select board to form a Community Power Committee, which would do research on the amount of the town's energy load then write up a plan to be presented at Town Meeting. There was discussion of public education as this would be an "all-in" proposal for the town and residents would have to opt-out. Other local towns are working on plans. None have been in a multi-town agreement yet. There was also discussion of energy conservation and doing energy audits. Elizabeth Webster from the ConCom was present and is in favor of this plan. The BOS will work on forming the Committee.

E. Approval of Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Chamberlain, seconded by Sterling, the Public Minutes of March 14, 2022 were approved (2-0). Belletete abstained as he didn't attend the meeting.

On a motion by Chamberlain, seconded by Sterling, the Non-Public Minutes of March 14, 2022 were approved and sealed (2-0). Belletete abstained as he didn't attend the meeting.

F. Consent Agenda

1. Payroll and Vendor Manifests

2. Abatements

- a) #2022-12 - Michael Lavoie - 59 Squantum Road - \$123.72 - Sewer Labor Charges
- b) #2022-13 - Laura Gordon - 65 Hillcrest Road - \$6,060.72 + Interest - Water

3. Exemptions

- a) Jeanne Denihan - 50 Summit Drive - Disabled Tax Exemption - \$75,000
- b) Judy Lucero - 75 Stratton Road- All Veteran's Tax Credit - \$500
- c) Wilfred Pelletier - 25 Oak Street - Veteran's Tax Credit - \$500

4. Yield Tax Levy

- a) #21-233-04-T - Birgit Johanson - Map 248/Lot 21- \$365.15

5. Meetinghouse Request

- a) #2022-2 - Amos Fortune Forum - Speakers -7/8/22-8/19/22 - 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- b) #2022-3 - The First Church in Jaffrey - Church Fair - 7/31/22-8/4/22 - All Day

6. Tax Collector's 3rd Cycle 2022 Water & Sewer Commitment Warrant

- a) \$101,181.89 - Water
- b) \$118,223.20 - Sewer

7. Acceptance of Donations

- a) Recreation Department - Playground Fund - \$15 (Misc. Donors)
- b) Jaffrey 250th -
 - Red's of Jaffrey - \$15,000
 - Monadnock Disposal Service - \$15,000
 - Cournoyer Funeral Home - \$3,500
 - Hill Family Insurance Agency - \$3,500
 - Jaffrey Historical Society - \$1,500
 - Cliff's Auto Body & Repair, LLC - \$500
 - Gauthier Auto Service, LLC - \$500
 - Deschenes Auto & RV Center - \$500
 - DD Bean & Sons - \$500
 - Country Bridals & Formal Wear - \$500
 - Jaffrey Democratic Committee - \$500
 - Bellows-Nichols Agency, Inc. - \$500
 - Dust to Shine, LLC. - \$500
 - Monadnock Insurance Agency, Inc. - \$500

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

G. Old Business - None

H. New Business

Resolution #2022-7- Authorize withdrawal of \$17,025.44 from the Bridges CRF for NHDES ARM Payment for Nutting Road Bridge- The Concom is contributing funding.

On a motion by Belletete, seconded by Chamberlain, Resolution #2022-7 was approved (3-0).

Resolution #2022-9- Designation of Authority to Town Manager for Drinking Water ARPA Grant Agreement - \$400,000 will be coming from the State for the Cold Stone Springs Project.

On a motion by Belletete, seconded by Chamberlain, Resolution #2022-9 was approved (3-0).

Landfill Solar System Impact Study Agreement- Last Monday was a meeting with Dan Weeks. The study will be moving forward.

I. Reports to the Select Board

Selectmen's Reports

Sterling- No Budcom meetings since the budget hearing.

Meetinghouse- the south face will be painted this fall by Stebbins painting. Funding will be from the Meetinghouse Trust Fund and Capital Reserve Funds.

Belletete- No updates. Wasn't able to attend meetings.

Chamberlain- Concom met last week. There was a financial review that stated 50% of current use taxes totaling \$29,000 went into the fund. Cheshire Pond will be revisited as the wood was frozen and couldn't be moved. They are happy to move along with Monadnock Conservancy following Town Meeting vote. April 23rd is Earth Day on the Common. They will be passing out more information and seeds for pollinator gardens. There will be 50 more signs regarding the gardens this year. There was a shoreline permit for the Thorndike Club that was reviewed.

Cemetery Committee did not meet.

Town Manager's Report

- EDC met and will have a draft of the Master Plan EDC chapter for their next meeting. There's a Chamber meeting on March 30th at the Woodbound Inn- registration by Zoom. They did have some applicants for the TEAM Jaffrey position. Tim Gordon had a shuttle proposal. It would run from the lake to the State Park.
- Diane Hoffman & Judy Ouellette ran a Ukraine donation operation from March 16-24th. They collected, sorted and packed 4 box trucks full of donations. Becky Newton helped with the planning and DPW helped to load the trucks. A thank you note was read and will be sent to Diane and Judy from the Town.

J. Other Business

K. Non-Public- In Accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II (J) Roll Call Vote to Enter Non-Public Session at 7:08pm (Sterling-yay, Belletete-yay, Chamberlain-yay)

On a motion by Chamberlain, seconded by Sterling to exit Non-Public session at 7:13pm and to seal the minutes (3-0). (Sterling-yay, Belletete-yay, Chamberlain-yay)

L. Adjournment

On a motion by Chamberlain, seconded by Sterling, the meeting was adjourned at 7:13pm.

Submitted:

Attest:

Judith A. Zola
Administrative Assistant

Franklin W. Sterling, Jr.
Chairman

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