

TOWN OF JAFFREY
Jaffrey, New Hampshire
Select Board Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2023

Chairman: Franklin W. Sterling, Jr.

Selectmen: Kevin Chamberlain

Excused: John E. Belletete

Town Manager: Jon Frederick

Staff: Director of Planning & Economic Development Carr, Administrative Assistant Zola

Others: None

A. Call to Order - 6:01pm

B. Appointments

C. Public Hearing - None

D. Approval of Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Chamberlain, seconded by Sterling, the Public Minutes of January 9, 2023 were approved (2-0).

On a motion by Chamberlain, seconded by Sterling, the Non-Public Minutes of January 9, 2023 were approved and sealed (2-0).

On a motion by Chamberlain, seconded by Sterling, the Public Minutes of December 20, 2022 were approved (2-0).

E. Consent Agenda

1. Payroll and Vendor Manifests

2. Solar Exemptions

- a) Larry & Joyce Miller - 261 North Street
- b) Daniel & Sherry Pento - 12 Prospect Street
- c) Javan & Anna DeGraff - 195 Crestview Drive

3. Veterans Tax Credit

- a) Kevin Canty - 105 Perry Road - Veterans Disability Tax Credit - \$1,800
- b) Kenneth & Janet Emerson - 324 Dublin Road - Veterans Tax Credit - \$500
- c) Andrew Lawn - 137 Ingalls Road - All Veterans Tax Credit - \$500
- d) Scott Rekas - 63 Main Street- Veterans Tax Credit - \$500
- e) Jessie Watts - 25 Tyler Hill Road - Veterans Tax Credit - \$500

4. Tax Collector's First Cycle 2023 Septic Haulers Commitment Warrant

- a) \$7,976.00

5. Tax Collector's First Cycle 2023 Water & Sewer Commitment Warrant
 - a) \$114,928.56 Water
 - b) \$137,151.48 Sewer
6. Authorization to Expend Funds - Reclamation Fund
 - a) \$800-Northeast Resource Recovery Association- Tire Container Swap
7. Meetinghouse Request
 - a) #2022-11 - Amos Fortune Forum - July 7th- August 18th, 2023

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

F. Old Business

Appeal on Administrative Decision to ZBA February 7th - Select Board decision of January 24, 2022 on Camp Berea use of Thorndike Pond property- It was decided that TM Frederick will attend on the BOS behalf. Building Inspector Deschenes will be composing a staff comment letter. Sterling noted that the BOS hadn't decided on the request, they decided not to hear it. The court ruled that they need to return to the ZBA. There is an RSA stating that due to Covid, property was protected from non-use rules.

G. New Business

Resolution #2023-1 - 43rd Annual Ice Fishing Derby - Pelletier's Sport Shop - Feb. 19, 2023
There was concern about safety on the ice and who determines the appropriate thickness. Pelletier's will be contacted and asked to have a professional test the ice before the derby.

On a motion by Chamberlain, seconded by Sterling, Resolution #2023-1 was approved (2-0).

Downtown TIFD Expansion for WW Cross

Director of Planning & Economic Development Carr explained that the EDC voted to support the proposal to expand the TIFD to include WW Cross. Presently 1/3 to 1/2 of the building is taken down. Bringing it into the TIFD brings opportunity to apply for tax credits and tax relief. The EPA is giving 100% for the cleanup grant applications. In February, new wells will be installed, late in the Spring ground water samples will follow. In November the application for grants would be due with an announcement of awarding in January 2024. Prior to the application, the Town would have to take ownership of the property. Grant limits are up to \$500,000. DES also has funds available. Carr stated that an Assessment Contractor in redevelopment planning would be doing a market study on the best use of the property. A public hearing will be scheduled for Monday, February 13, 2023 at the Fire Station.

NH Listens Report – Envisioning the Future of Downtown Jaffrey

There were meetings held on October 25th and November 11th. The 20-page report will help the Economic Development section of the Master Plan. Items noted were to expand more across town and not only downtown, more pedestrian friendly and "green" areas, and to highlight the river. Residents can view the report on the Town Website. The next meeting will be on February 13th. She has been working with Marty Kennedy to keep the budget consistent with the DOT. Phase 1 will be available to review at Town Meeting in March.

Community Power Public Information Sessions

Chamberlain stated that the committee has been meeting weekly. They have been working on a draft plan and are on track. Public hearings are required and will be held:

- February 1st at 10 am at Jaffrey Fire Station with the Community Power Committee
- February 13th at 6 pm at Jaffrey Fire Station with the Select Board

They have had 78 surveys completed. Residents are encouraged to complete the survey to let the BOS know what their preferences are. All the Community Power information is on the Town Website.

Town Manager Frederick Credentialed by International City/County Management Association

The Board congratulated TM Frederick for his credentialing achievement and thanked him for all his hard work for the Town.

Select Board Warrant Article Review will be February 9th at 10 am at Town Office.

H. Reports to the Select Board

Selectmen's Reports

Sterling - Budget Committee meets this Thursday night (1/26). 2023 budget is at 2.93% increase which equals \$.30 on the tax rate.

Chamberlain- Concom met last week. They received a quote from the vendor for the Natural Services Inventory. They will share the information with other boards as it hasn't been done in 10 years. They have a flyer with their April Earth Day events. Eversource donated a tree that needs a location. Cheshire Pond Area had a lot of work done by the ConCom. The ARM Grant for Children's Woods wasn't approved. There have been 2 resignations and the possibility of Alternate stepping up was discussed.

Town Manager's Report

- Attended the Jubilee Ball, which was well attended by 200 people.
- Dan Weeks- Solar discussion is moving along. One option was for residents to buy shares in the solar project and receive a rebate on their bills. They will have a contract for the town by the Spring and construction would be the end of the year.

Warrant Articles

There are 17 articles vs. 42 last year.

PFAS - This article would be to secure funding in the event we need to treat the Turnpike wells. What isn't covered by the outside funding would be 100% on water users.

All the CRF requests are combined into 1 article as well as all the Expendable Trust requests.

Fire CRF & Highway Equipment CRF articles will make the BOS agents to expend.

Community Power Plan needs to be adopted before Town Meeting.

Remainder of the articles were reviewed briefly.

I. Other Business

Dates to Remember Postcards were not mailed this year due to cost. They are located at the Town Office, Library, both Banks, and the Post Office. Chamberlain suggested a Kiosk at the Transfer Station.

J. Non-Public - On a motion by Chamberlain, seconded by Sterling, In Accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II (J) Roll Call Vote to Enter Non-Public Session at 7:06pm (Chamberlain-yay, Sterling-yay) (2-0)

On a motion by Chamberlain, seconded by Sterling to exit non-public session at 7:30pm (2-0).

K. Adjournment -On a motion by Chamberlain, seconded by Sterling to adjourn 7:30pm (2-0).

Submitted:

Attest:

Judith A. Zola
Administrative Assistant

Franklin W. Sterling, Jr.
Chairman

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