

TOWN OF JAFFREY
Jaffrey, New Hampshire
Select Board Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2023

Chairman: Franklin W. Sterling, Jr.

Selectmen: Kevin Chamberlain, Charles Turcotte

Town Manager: Jon Frederick

Staff: Administrative Assistant Zola

Others: Terry Johnson, SWRPC

A. Call to Order 6:00pm

B. Non-Public - None

C. Public Hearings - None

D. Appointments – SWRPC Monadnock Region Community Transportation

Terry Johnson from SWRPC presented a PowerPoint regarding the need for regional transportation and reaching out to towns to let them know there is funding available. A study was done and noted that those in need were older adults, youth, the disabled and Veterans. 59% have concerns about transportation and 5% don't have vehicle access. In the eastern Monadnock area (Jaffrey, Rindge and Peterborough) transportation is limited to CVTC, Private taxi or Medicaid rides. They are looking into either a bus route or micro-transit (smaller vehicles similar to Uber) in this area. Three communities have adopted resolutions supporting this coalition. Discussion of the remoteness/rural areas in town suggested the micro-transit may be a better solution, since the town's density is spread out. There was also discussion of drivers being available, weather being a hinderance and the reality that a lot of elderly residents don't ask for help. There are funding opportunities available at the state level with grants etc.... The BOS will discuss this project in detail at a later meeting.

E. Approval of Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Chamberlain, seconded by Sterling, the Public Minutes of March 27, 2023 were approved (2-0). Turcotte abstained as he did not attend the meeting.

On a motion by Chamberlain, seconded by Sterling, the Non-Public Minutes of March 27, 2023 were approved and sealed (2-0). Turcotte abstained as he did not attend the meeting.

F. Consent Agenda

1. Payroll and Vendor Manifests

2. Abatements

a) Nancy Kemmis - 10 Blackberry Lane - \$80.00 - Duplicate Bill Fee

3. Veterans Tax Credit

a) Daniel Shattuck - All Veteran's Credit - \$500

4. Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber
 - a) #23-233-01-T - Jaffrey-Rindge School District - Map 240/Lot 15 & 14.1 - NH Rte. 202
5. Board/Committee Appointments - Trustees of the Trust Fund
 - a) Robert Stephenson - Alternate Member - Term to expire 2024
 - b) Diane Schaumann- Alternate Member - Term to expire 2024
6. Authorize withdrawal of \$7,854.34 from the Bridges CRF for Payment of Letourneau Drive Bridge professional services - Quantum Construction
7. Acceptance of Donations for the Recreation Department
 - a) \$10 - Safe Sitter Donations - Playground Fund
 - b) \$1,680 - Community Center of Jaffrey - Summer Camp Scholarships

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

G. Old Business- None

H. New Business

Resolution #2023-7 – Fireman’s Muster - Jaffrey Historical Society/Jaffrey 250th -July 15, 2023
The BOS reviewed the staff comments and advised that recommendations should be followed as part of the approval.

On a motion by Chamberlain, seconded by Turcotte, Resolution #2023-7 was approved (3-0).

Resolution #2023- 9 - Riverfest - TEAM Jaffrey - July 29, 2023

The BOS reviewed the staff comments noting that Route 124/Main Street should not be closed and all other comments should be followed.

On a motion by Chamberlain, seconded by Turcotte, Resolution #2023-9 was approved (3-0).

In addition, there will be an addendum to the application to include the Remax hot air balloon giving tethered rides at Community field with the proceeds to go to the Shelter from the Storm. An amendment to this application would have to be done after details are sorted out. It could be approved by TM Frederick, if given the authority by the BOS to save time waiting for another meeting.

On a motion by Chamberlain, seconded by Turcotte, authority for TM Frederick to sign on the BOS’ behalf was approved (3-0).

Resolution #2023- 10 - DES Drinking Water Infrastructure PFAS – Authority to File and Designation of Authority.

The purpose of this is to set up the paperwork for the authority to borrow the money for PFAS treatment, it doesn’t obligate the Town.

On a motion by Chamberlain, seconded by Turcotte Resolution #2023-10 was approved (3-0).

DRA Sales Ratio Survey - This report shows that the homes are under-valued, with the next re-evaluation coming in 2025.

On a motion by Chamberlain, seconded by Turcotte, the DRA Sales Ratio Survey was accepted as presented (3-0).

Select Board/Assessor Review of Exempt Properties - TM Frederick has spoken with Mike Pelletier from MRI and a review of A9 & A12 properties can be done in phases with a few each year being evaluated. The BOS decided on choosing 4 properties annually to review.

I. Reports to the Select Board

Selectmen's Reports

Sterling - None of his committees met. HDC had 3 members resign and the Moderator has found 3 replacements. Their first meeting will be May 4th.

Chamberlain - Went on the NH PUC website to look at the progress of other communities' approval and it seems that the 60-day deadline is accurate. This would put our notification from the PUC coming out on May 8th. The comment period ended on March 24th, but he couldn't find anything posted as of yet. We cannot move on to the next step until we have this approval, then we can request data of Eversource usage amounts.

A resident approached him asking about the BOS forming an Energy/Power Committee. He feels that this is something the BOS should discuss, developing a mission statement and understanding what the goals should be. Approval from the PUC should come first, but during the summer months put this committee into play. There should be a BOS representative member and not be an ad hoc committee. It could remain the Community Power Committee, with the mission statement being altered to specifically fulfill the Community Power initiative and not a broad subject matter.

Turcotte - None of his committees met.

Town Manager's Report

- Budcom meets on Thursday this week.
- 4 Professional Appraisal Services bids were opened. One was high, the others were competitive. Tony, Kevin and Jon will be reviewing them and making recommendations.
- Revision Energy will be submitting their proposal for the Solar Farm on the landfill project and would like to discuss this with the BOS at the April 24th meeting.
- The draft of the sign for the Peter Davis was shown and design was approved. It will be placed on a post cannot be on the bridge itself.
- Will be attending a Roads Panel on Thursday to discuss how the Town financed our road system.

J. Other Business - None

K. Non-Public- On a motion by Chamberlain, seconded by Turcotte in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II (J) Roll Call Vote to Enter Non-Public Session at 6:58pm (Sterling-yay, Chamberlain-yay, Turcotte-yay)

On a motion by Chamberlain, seconded by Turcotte to exit non-public at 7:24pm and seal the minutes (3-0).

L. Adjournment

On a motion by Chamberlain, seconded by Turcotte to adjourn at 7:24pm (3-0).

Submitted:

Attest:

Judith A. Zola
Administrative Assistant

Franklin W. Sterling, Jr.
Chairman

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