

TOWN OF JAFFREY
Jaffrey, New Hampshire
Select Board Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2018

Chairman: James Moore

Selectmen: Franklin W. Sterling, Jr.

Town Manager: Jon Frederick

Staff: Judy Zola, Administrative Assistant

Others Present: Carolyn Garretson, Harry Young, Cathy Furze

Non-Public – None

A. 6:00 pm Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

B. Public Hearings – 6:00pm Traffic Device Changes- The resolution was read by Chairman Moore. This resolution changes the Yield signs to Stop signs at Ellison and Stratton and Ellison and Route 124, as well as a Stop sign at Great Road and Fitzwilliam.

Public Comments: Carolyn Garretson commented that the “V” shaped intersection at Ellison and Rte. 124 is very difficult to see traffic because of the angle. If it were a 90 degree turn, visibility would be improved. Harry Young also commented that the “V” shaped intersection at Goodnow and North is another hard intersection to navigate. Paula Geraghty also mentioned the intersection of Great and Fitzwilliam should have a “Dangerous Intersection” sign posted because of the angle of that turn. Town Manager Frederick will share these concerns with DPW.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:13pm

C. Approval of Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Sterling, seconded by Moore, the Public Minutes of 12/13/17 were approved with corrections. (2-0)

On a motion by Sterling, seconded by Moore, the Public Minutes of 12/27/17 were approved (2-0).

D. Appointments – None

E. Consent Agenda

1. Payroll and Vendor Manifests

2. Abatements

a) #17-67 – Mark & Lori Coll – 390 Nutting Road - \$ 527.52 – Taxes

b) #18-1 – ALB RE Holdings, LLC – 50 Thayer Road - \$ 25.00 – NSF Fee

Denied

c) #18-2 – Barbara Bates – 184 Scenic Drive - \$ 100.00 – Sewer

d) #18-3 – Denise MacKensie – 14 Adams Street - \$2,390.53 – Water

e) #18-4 – Roger Perreault – 23 Sierra Drive - \$ 571.67- Taxes

Tabled: Payment plan suggested

3. Veteran's Exemptions
 - a) Charles Nutile – 16 Kevin Lane - \$500.00 – All Vet. Credit
 - b) Lynn Nutile – 16 Kevin Lane - \$500.00 – All Vet. Credit
 - c) Jon Frederick – 24 Carey Road - \$500.00 – All Vet. Credit
4. Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber
 - a) #17-233-14-T – David Jeffries- Map#212/ Lot 39 & Map#205/Lot 14
5. Cemetery Deeds
 - a) Normal L. & Sara J. Soney – Cutter Extension - \$ 700.00
6. Tax Collector's 12th Cycle 2017 Septic Haulers Commitment Warrant
 - a) \$ 18,056.25
7. Tax Collectors 12th Cycle 2017 Water & Sewer Commitment
 - a) \$ 100,496.84 Water
 - b) \$ 96,119.94 Sewer

On a motion by Sterling, seconded by Moore, the Consent Agenda was approved, except for #2-b, which was denied and #2-e being tabled for payment plan information from Tax Collector. (2-0)

F. Old Business –

G. New Business

- Resolution # 2018-1 – Amend Chapter 185-17 and Chapter 185-18 to Replace Yield signs with Stop signs (Ellison Street) and Stop sign at Great Road/Fitzwilliam Road intersection.
On a motion by Sterling, seconded by Moore, Resolution #2018-1 was approved (2-0).
- Resolution # 2018-2 – Jaffrey Chamber of Commerce -Jaffrey Festival of Fireworks
Date: 8/18/18 – Location: Silver Ranch Airport
On a motion by Sterling, seconded by Moore, Resolution #2018-2 was approved (2-0).
A recommendation to speak with the Building Inspector regarding signage was also a part of the approval and was communicated.
- Resolution #2018-3- Jaffrey Chamber of Commerce - Maple Madness Pancake Breakfast
Date: 3/24/18- Location: United Church
On a motion by Sterling, seconded by Moore, Resolution #2018-3 was approved (2-0).
A recommendation to speak with the Building Inspector regarding signage was also a part of the approval and will be communicated.
- Resignation – Ernie Belletete – Zoning Board of Adjustment – The Board accepted the resignation at the end of his term in March.

H. Reports to the Select Board

Selectmen's Reports

Sterling-

1. Budget Committee season will be starting up tomorrow night. He feels the Town Manager has good direction for the new Budcom members.
2. Transportation Advisory Committee- as the Jaffrey Rep. he attended a presentation about free transportation for Jaffrey residents. Rides to medical appointments appear to be the main reason for rides. There is a new town by town directory that should be given to the Welfare Coordinator.
3. House Bill 2017-HB399- This House Bill refers to Pesticides where children play. It was found that Organic pesticides are more likely to cause illness than synthetic pesticides.
4. House Bill 1598- This bill is regarding the withdrawing from cooperative school districts. It was just introduced on 1/3/18. The status of the bill can be followed on line by looking at the New Hampshire General Court webpage and clicking on bill status.

Moore

1. Petitioners asking for funding from the Town should be present at the Budcom meeting and well as Town Meeting. Last year the BOS Chairman had to speak for articles since the petitioners didn't attend Town Meeting.

Town Manager's Report

1. Town Report – Cost of spiral bound is more expensive. TM would like BOS input. The size would remain the same at 8.5 x 11. The Board consented to proceed with perfect bound instead of spiral.
2. Linden Street- TM is asking the BOS for permission to re-start auction procedure. BOS granted him permission.
3. The list of Veteran Exemptions was reviewed. Sterling had mentioned that the State may pay out any additional Veteran exemption funds, this hasn't been finalized yet.
4. There will be a Martin Luther King Jr. presentation at the United Church of Jaffrey from 5-6pm followed by a reception Jaffrey Civic Center.
5. Pre-Payment of Taxes- The BOS can allow pre-payment of taxes for 2 years in advance, but it was suggested to speak with Finance and the Tax Collector, along with DRA to determine if an unrestricted fund would have to be established and if so, how funds would be then distributed.
6. School Apportionment- The School Board vote was 5-2 in favor of the addition to the ballot in March for the apportionment to be based on 100% of the average daily attendance. If approved, this would increase Jaffrey school taxes by 45 cents/year for 5 years. Jaffrey residents must voice their opinions at the deliberative session in February and get out to vote in March. Carolyn Garretson was concerned about the impact on Special education. Harry Young mentioned that on the surface the Rindge plan looks ok. Selectman Sterling explained that Rindge has a higher evaluation/assessment due to adding more taxable property to their taxes, making their apportionment amount higher than Jaffrey. Carolyn Garretson mentioned that attracting more tourist industry to Jaffrey would be helpful. TM Frederick commented that Jo Anne Carr (Planning & Economic Development) tries to get business into Jaffrey, but the tax rate is a deterrent.

Round Table Discussion

1. Fertilizer – Chairman Moore wanted to know if the Budcom would be discussing the cost of the contract for this year and consider postponing treatment for a year.

2. Petition Articles- There was an article in the paper regarding Peterborough only having \$ 20,000 in petition article requests and Jaffrey has \$ 85,000 to \$ 90,000 in requests. Petitioners do go before the Budget Committee with their numbers of Jaffrey Residents that are served in the previous year. This is how they determine their request of need, which is a percentage of people served. Peterborough may have less people served, therefore a lower request for funds.

I. Other Business

J. Non-public Session

On a motion by Sterling, seconded by Moore to enter Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (j) at 6:50:pm (2-0)

On a motion by Sterling, second by Moore, per RSA 91-A:3, II (j) to exit non-public session at 7:11pm (2-0)

K. Adjournment

On a motion from Sterling, seconded by Moore, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12pm (2-0).

Submitted:

Attest:

Judith A. Zola
Administrative Assistant

James C. Moore
Chairman

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