

TOWN OF JAFFREY
Jaffrey, New Hampshire
Select Board Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2019

Chairman: Franklin W. Sterling, Jr.

Selectmen: James Weimann, Bonnie Mitchell

Town Manager: Jon Frederick

Staff: Administrative Assistant Zola

Others: Laurel McKenzie, John McCarthy, Allison Bergeron

A. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

B. Non-Public – None

C. Appointments –Jaffrey School Board Members – School Funding Letter Discussion

Selectman Weimann thanked the School Board members for attending tonight. He was interested in the number of students that participating in the ATC Program. He feels this is an important program for students who are not college bound and need a trade program. School Board Chair MacKenzie stated that the Jaffrey -Rindge participation in the program is increased to about 50 students. Conval has adjusted their schedule to accommodate the Conant schedule. There is also a new director of the program at Conval.

Weimann also had questions about the cost of each student and the free and reduced meal students. The average cost per student is \$15,000, with \$750 for free and reduced lunch. The eligible students are verified to be in district and have met the financial guidelines every year.

Keno fell short on funding last year. The governor did use funds to make sure the kindergartens were fully funded.

Chairman Sterling commented that the mention of article 28A in the letter was not necessarily accurate. The Article was amended about 30 years ago because folks were discouraged that the state would mandate programs but not fund them. There was an amendment to the State constitution stating that the State shall not mandate or assign new expended new or expanded responsibilities. Also, SB 193 is very hard to explain to the average citizen, Sterling recommending leaving it out of the letter. MacKenzie would appreciate all edits to be made known to the School Board.

In 2020 Jaffrey will be looking into an assessing contract. It was suggested that both Rindge and Jaffrey contract with the same company to ensure equality of assessing data. Rindge does raise more money thru taxation. Neighboring towns have done well with recovering from the economic downturn, but not Jaffrey. Millipore is expanding, bringing new jobs and residents. Sterling noted that he feels Jaffrey needs to add to its commercial base. Mackenzie wanted to know how much of Jaffrey's land is in Current Use and asked for a joint meeting with the Conservation Commission and Planning Board to evaluate. The BOS will send their recommended changes to the School Board.

D. Public Hearings -None

E. Approval of Meeting Minutes- None

F. Consent Agenda

1. Payroll and Vendor Manifests
2. Abatements
 - a) #19-11 – EMD Millipore – 11 Prescott Road - \$ 96,477.54 – Sewer
 - b) #19-12 – David Bulmer – 26 South Shore Drive - \$ 26.91 – Water
 - c) #19-13 – Franklin Sterling – 79 Highland Ave. - \$ 2.88 Water/\$3.75 Sewer
3. Authorization to Expend from Reclamation Fund
 - a) \$700.00 – Northeast Resource Recovery Association – Tire Removal
4. Appointment
 - a) Jo Anne Carr – SWRPC Brownfield’s Advisory Committee
5. Raffle Request
 - a) SFTS- Raffles to be held at Taste of Monadnock and Antiques Roadshow.
6. Veteran’s Exemption
 - a) Stephen Bouley – 32 Poole Road - Veteran’s Tax Credit - \$500

On a motion by Weimann, seconded by Mitchell, the Consent agenda was approved removing item #2-C per Mr. Sterling’s request. (3-0)

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Weimann, item 2-C was approved for a credit on the account (2-1(Sterling))

G. Old Business-None

H. New Business

- Resolution #2019-3- Maple Madness Pancake Breakfast- 3/23/19 – Jaffrey Chamber
On a motion by Weimann, seconded by Mitchell, Resolution # 2019-3 was approved with the condition of the Chamber discussing signage with the Rob Deschenes, Building Inspector (3-0).
- Certify Town Meeting Warrant
On a motion by Weimann, seconded by Mitchell, the 2019 Warrant was certified (3-0).
On a motion by Weimann, seconded by Mitchell, the 2019 Layman’s Warrant was certified (3-0).
- Authorization for TM to act on behalf of BOS for Grant Acceptance
On a motion by Weimann, seconded by Mitchell, authorization was approved and signed (3-0).

I. Reports to the Select Board

- **Selectmen's Reports**

Sterling- There was an HDC meeting last Thursday 2/7/19, they granted a homeowner permission to replace windows and the actual replacements did not meet the granted specifications. He's confident the involved parties will rectify the situation.

Weimann- Hasn't had any meetings. Planning Board will be tomorrow, weather permitting. Chairman Sterling will be sitting in on the Belletete's discussion for Member Weimann.

Mitchell- She asked if we have included our House Reps. in the school funding discussion. A copy of the letter will be sent to them also. Mitchell asked if they should be invited to have a discussion, Sterling agreed.

- **Town Manager's Report**

- Public Budget Hearing was held on Saturday 2/9 and he'd like to thank the Board for their assistance throughout the process.
- He attended the Jaffrey-Rindge Cooperative School District Deliberative Session on Wednesday. The key issue that came up was the Bond article and how it would relate to the petition article that Rindge has posed on their warrant. What he was told is that this article, even though it hasn't been voted on yet, served as notice to the Town of Jaffrey of their intent to withdraw in accordance with State statute. When reading the actual statute, it doesn't say that, so he will be doing some research, has a message into the State DOE's legal team to determine what this means and will follow up with the BOS when he hears from that.
- There is a letter in the BOS packets that is going to DOT regarding the drainage issue on Route 202 for informational purposes.

J. Other Business

- Tax Collector's First Cycle 2019 Septic Haulers Commitment Warrant - \$3,821.25
On a motion by Weimann, seconded by Mitchell, the Tax Collector's First Cycle 2019 Septic Haulers Commitment Warrant was approved (3-0).
- Drainage Discharge Letter to the NH DOT – Letter was signed and will be mailed out.
- Weimann commented on the low turnout at the Public Budget Hearing.

K. Non-Public – None

L. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:01pm pm on a motion by Weimann, seconded by Mitchell (3-0).

Submitted:

Attest:

Judith A. Zola
Administrative Assistant

Franklin W. Sterling, Jr.
Chairman

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