

**TOWN OF JAFFREY
Jaffrey, New Hampshire**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2009**

Present: Chairman Hollister, Selectman Sterling, Selectman MacIsaac

Absent: None

Staff: Town Manager Hartman, Administrative Assistant Richard

CALL TO ORDER

Selectmen Sterling called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

The public meeting minutes for December 8, 2008 and December 15, 2008 as corrected, approved (3-0).

PUBLIC HEARING

None

APPOINTMENTS

Marc Tieger came before the Board to recommend that the town have their voting at the VFW on March 10th. Tieger stated that the last Federal Election was held at the VFW and everything went very well with a lot of effort that had gone into it and Jeanne LaBrie did a great job to insure that the people got an election that we could be proud for. There were over 3,000 people at the elections. Elections were not held at Pratt because of the school being under construction and the parking was limited because school was in session.

Tieger suggested that Town Meeting be held at Pratt Auditorium. Selectmen Sterling agreed that the Town Meeting on March 14th should be held at Pratt Auditorium.

On a motion by Sterling, seconded by MacIsaac, to have all elections at the VFW from now until the foreseeable future was approved (3-0).

John Field told the Board that he expects to have a completed project on the NRI by the middle of next month.

Mr. Field told the Board that he would like to talk to them about State SB 381 on Conservation Easement.

Chairman Hollister questioned that once the article has passed conservation commissions are NOT required to get governing body or town meeting approval before specific expenditures are made unless the expenditures are for property interests outside of municipal boundaries. The law

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requires a public hearing before specific expenditures are made. Hollister asked if we have the public hearing then we don't need the blessings of the Board. Mr. Field said that the Conservation Commission always consults with the Selectmen before authorizing any course of action and detailing the expenditure funds.

Selectmen Sterling stated that his reservation is that the current conservation commission and the boards do work well together with land and easement requisitions. Sterling is concerned that at some point in time that a different conservation commission may decide to go ahead and act without the blessings of the Board. He is concerned about not being some formal action being necessary by the Board before any monies can be expended.

Field said that if the Board wished to put any requirements into a town warrant article that the Board could include a condition.

The Board directed Town Manager Hartman to prepare two articles regarding the provisions of SB381 and that the articles should include language indicating the Conservation Commission should consult with the Board of Selectmen prior to initiating any actions authorizing by SB 381.

Rob Stephenson discussed the Meetinghouse and two warrant articles for the cemetery. The Meetinghouse Trust Fund last year was a \$3,000 Warrant Article. There is also a Cemetery Tree Fund which was established in 2007 and the Gravestone Restoration Fund which was created in 2000. Both were subject to warrant articles last year. The Cemetery Tree Fund was \$3,000 and would like to bring that fund up to \$8,000. The Gravestone Restoration Fund was \$2,500 last year. Stephenson said that he believes it is important to have something every year and he said that he knows that this year is tough.

Stephenson said that he would like to leave it up to the Board to suggest the warrant articles for this year. Because of this current storm, there were some broken stones at the cemeteries. There was also some substantial damage to a fence at Conant Cemetery.

Stephenson as said that there was a warrant article last year to combine the clocks upkeep and that there is sufficient funds in the warrant to maintain the clocks and would like to keep this.

Chairman Hollister said that they do support all of these warrant articles and that we should keep them going.

Selection Sterling said that he would be inclined to carry them forward as to what they were.

Chairman Hollister recommended that they would recommend this to the Budget Committee.

REGULAR BUSINESS

1) Payroll and Vendor Manifests

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On a motion by Sterling, seconded by MacIsaac, the payroll and vendor manifests were approved (3-0).

2) Selectmen's Reports

Hollister

Chairman Hollister announced that he would not be running again for reelection of Selectmen. He stated that he had been on the Board for six years now and thought that it was time for the town to have some new thinking.

Hollister enjoyed working on the Board and found it to be very rewarding.

Sterling

None

MacIsaac

None

3) Town Manager's Report

Hartman updated the Board on the WWTF Wood Pellet Boiler. Discussion took place on December 8th with the Board on the possibility of utilizing a wood pellet boiler system as the primary heating source for the new sewer plant. The wood pellet boiler system would be eligible for DES funding if added to the construction contract. If the wood pellet system is used, the oil system called for in the original specification would be a back-up system and not eligible for DES funding. Hartman stated that if the Board wished to pursue the wood pellet alternative, such a decision would need to be made at tonight's meeting.

Hartman said that be are still in the process of tabulating reimbursable cost for the ice storm. To date, confirmed reimbursable costs total \$76,894.75 (staff cost of \$40,766.45 and expenses of \$36,128.30). The amount is expected to increase significantly once the clean-up is completed this coming spring. Hartman told the Board that he and Randy Heglin would be attending a regional meeting regarding FEMA reimbursement.

DPW Director, Randall Heglin came before the Board to discuss the possibility of adding a commercial pellet boiler heating system to the town's new sewer plant.

Heglin explained that the cost for a pellet system including the additional cost for the change

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order work be about \$140,000. Heglin said that this could result in a huge savings for oil because this would reduce the town's carbon footprint.

Chairman Hollister said that this would be adding to the cost of the existing new sewer plant and he did not think that this would be a good idea at this time.

Selectmen MacIsaac did not think that a 20 year payback period would be worth the investment.

Heglin did say that although there is an environmental benefit, he did question whether we really wanted to assume the additional cost at this time. He did say that the system could be added at a later date to the sewer plant.

The Selectmen agreed to table the pellet boiler at this time.

4) Boat Tax Warrant

a) Three (3) Boat Registrations \$19.84 – received January 8, 2009

On a motion by Sterling, seconded by MacIsaac, three (3) Boat Registrations in the amount of \$19.84 – received January 8, 2009 were approved (3-0).

b) Four (4) Boat Registrations \$27.04 – received January 9, 2009

On a motion by Sterling, seconded by MacIsaac, four (4) Boat Registrations in the amount of \$27.04 – received January 9, 2009 were approved (3-0).

5) Welfare General Assistance Guidelines

On a motion by Sterling, seconded by MacIsaac, Welfare General Assistance Guidelines were approved as corrected (3-0).

6) Veterans Tax Credit

a) Thomas A. Lambert – 3 Darcie Drive – Map243/Lot62 - \$200

On a motion by Sterling, seconded by MacIsaac, Veterans Tax Credit for Thomas A. Lambert – 3 Darcie Drive – Map243/Lot62 in the amount of \$200 was approved (3-0).

b) Harry M. McDaniel – 4 St. Jean Street – Map238/Lot202 - \$200

On a motion by Sterling, seconded by MacIsaac, Veterans Tax Credit for Harry M. McDaniel – 4 St. Jean Street – Map238/Lot202 in the amount of \$200 was approved (3-0).

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c) David E. Doremus – 17 Nutting Road – Map238/Lot234 - \$200

On a motion by Sterling, seconded by MacIsaac, Veterans Tax Credit for David E. Doremus – 17 Nutting Road – Map238/Lot234 in the amount of \$200 was approved (3-0).

d) Robert C. Watson – 2 Duval Co-op – Map246/Lot37.2 - \$200

On a motion by Sterling, seconded by MacIsaac, Robert C. Watson – 2 Duval Co-op – Map246/Lot37.2 in the amount of \$200 was approved (3-0).

7) Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber

a) #08-233-15 – Map238/Lot115.1, 115.2, 115.3 – signed

b) #08-233-16 – Map205/Lot11 – signed

8) 2008 Supplemental Real Property Commitment

a) Second Cycle 2008 Supplemental Real Property Commitment in the amount of \$4,064.29

On a motion by Sterling, seconded by MacIsaac, 2008 Supplemental Real Property Commitment in the amount of \$4,064.29 was approved (3-0).

9) 2009 Cycle One Water and Sewer Commitment

a) First Cycle 2009 Water Commitment in the amount of \$63,587.40

On a motion by Sterling, seconded by MacIsaac, 2009 Cycle One Water Commitment in the amount of \$63,587.40 was approved (3-0).

b) First Cycle 2009 Sewer Commitment in the amount of \$61,890.00

On a motion by Sterling, seconded by MacIsaac, 2009 Cycle One Sewer Commitment in the amount of \$61,890.00 was approved (3-0).

10) Use of the Meetinghouse

a) July 4, 2009 for public reading of the Declaration of Independence

On a motion by Sterling, seconded by MacIsaac, Use of the Meetinghouse on July 4, 2009

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for the public reading of the Declaration of Independence was approved (3-0).

OTHER BUSINESS

None

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

On a motion by MacIsaac, seconded by Sterling, the Board of Selectmen adjourned to non-public session to discuss personnel – (RSA 91-A:3; sections a and c) at 9:10 p.m.

After discussing non-public items, on a motion by Sterling, seconded by MacIsaac, the Board returned to public session (3-0).

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Sterling, seconded by MacIsaac, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m. (3-0).

Submitted:

Sue Richard
Administrative Assistant

Attest:

G. Clay Hollister
Chairman
Board of Selectmen