

TOWN OF JAFFREY
Jaffrey, New Hampshire

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2009

Present: Chairman Sterling, Selectman MacIsaac, Selectman Batchelder

Absent: None

Staff: Town Manager Hartman, Administrative Assistant Richard

CALL TO ORDER

Selectman Sterling called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

On a motion by Batchelder, seconded by Sterling, public meeting minutes for July 27, 2009 were approved (2-0).

On a motion by MacIsaac, seconded by Sterling, public meeting minutes for August 10, 2009 were approved (2-0).

PUBLIC HEARING

None

APPOINTMENTS

Director of Public Works, Randall Heglin came before the Board to talk about the Rules for Septage Disposal at the Jaffrey Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Fee Schedule for Septage Disposal. Heglin said that presently we accept septage from the Town of Jaffrey residents only. Heglin explained that under the old facility in the lagoons there wasn't any control mechanism to process the wastewater. The new wastewater treatment facility they built in a septage receiving station with a 10,000-gallon tank and the operators have the ability to meter in the septage throughout the day. Heglin said that in doing this they will be able to accept additional wastewater septage from other communities.

Heglin said that in 2008 the State reported that 220,000 gallons of septage that was generated in Jaffrey went to the Keene wastewater facility. This would not only provide convenience to the haulers but also would shorten the route because the Jaffrey plant will now be able to handle the septage.

Selectmen Sterling read the rates: In-town Jaffrey: \$0.05 per gallon, In-District: \$0.075 per gallon, Outside-District: \$0.10 per gallon and Camper/RV \$10.00 per drop.

Sterling stated that Jaffrey sewer users would be paying about a penny a gallon for disposal.

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Chairman Sterling suggested that we amend the Rules for Septage Disposal and under Septage Disposal Fees that we add Camper/RV per drop rate.

MacIsaac made a motion to accept the Rules for Septage Disposal – Jaffrey Wastewater Treatment Plant as amended, seconded by Batchelder (3-0).

MacIsaac made a motion to accept the Fee Schedule for Septage Disposal, seconded by Batchelder (3-0).

REGULAR BUSINESS

1) Payroll and Vendor Manifests

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

2) Selectmen's Reports

Sterling

Sterling reported that the Board, Town Manager Hartman and Director of Public Works Heglin have an appointment with Governor Lynch, the head of DES and the head of Wastewater from DES to discuss the lack of funding for the State grants. The meeting will be in Concord on August 28, 2009.

Chairman Sterling reviewed with the Board a request from Local Government Center to bring Lawsuit Against the State under Article 28-a. This article was past by the State of New Hampshire in 1967 and the fund was set up in 1984. This article says that you cannot pass down mandates from the State to the towns unless you fund them. Local Government Center's argument is that some of their pension funding was established in 1967 and the State had always paid 35% and now they want to go to 30% and then 25% which is passing an unfunded mandate back to the cities and towns. They are asking the town to contribute \$754.87 to participate in the litigation.

Selectmen Batchelders concern is with all the budget cuts and now they are asking us to send money to the litigation without having any sense of if we win the litigation that it will change anything.

Sterling said that if the lawsuit were successful the State would have to fund their portion of the retirement.

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The Board decided to reconsider this at their next meeting on September 14, 2009.

MacIsaac

None

Batchelder

None

3) Town Manager's Report

None

4) Boat Tax Warrant

a) Thirty-one (31) Boat Registrations \$415.20 – received August 17, 2009

On a motion by MacIsaac, seconded by Batchelder, Thirty-one (31) Boat Registrations for \$415.20 – received August 17, 2009 were approved (3-0).

5) 2009 Water and Sewer Commitment Cycle #8

a) 2009 Water Commitment Cycle #8 for \$87,825.77

On a motion by MacIsaac, seconded by Batchelder, 2009 Water Commitment Cycle #8 for \$87,825.77 was approved (3-0).

b) 2009 Sewer Commitment Cycle #8 for \$111,646.92

On a motion by MacIsaac, seconded by Batchelder, 2009 Sewer Commitment Cycle #8 for \$111,646.92 was approved (3-0).

6) Requests

a) Jean Coutu – Request to place an envelope sign at the Jaffrey Welcome Center for the Live Free or Die Rally

On a motion by MacIsaac, seconded by Batchelder, request from Jean Coutu to place an envelope sign at the Jaffrey Welcome Center for the Live Free or Die Rally was referred to Town Manager Hartman to review with Building Inspection David Baron regarding the sign ordinance.

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7) Request for Sewer Abatement

- a) #09-27 Millipore Sewer Abatement request in the amount of \$11,557.75

On a motion by MacIsaac, seconded by Batchelder, #09-27 Millipore Sewer Abatement request for \$11,557.75 was approved (3-0).

8) Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber

- a) 09-233-10-T – Pam White – Emerson Road – Map248/Lot 1, 6 and Map249/Lot1 - signed

9) Timber Tax Levy

- a) Operation # 09-233-04 – Michael Breen – Map237/Lot31 - \$174.33

On a motion by MacIsaac, seconded by Batchelder, Timber Tax Levy – Operation # 09-233-04 – Michael Breen – Map237/Lot31 - \$174.33 was approved (3-0).

10) NH DRA Application for reimbursement for Federal and State Forest Land

On a motion by MacIsaac, seconded by Batchelder, NH DRA Application for reimbursement for Federal and State Forest Land was approved (3-0).

11) Request from Gun Owners of New Hampshire

- a) Request to run a 50/50 raffle with a donated prize of a pair of Leopold binoculars. Raffle will be at the Grandview Inn, Jaffrey beginning August 21, 2009 through August 23, 2009.

On a motion by MacIsaac, seconded by Batchelder, request to run a 50/50 raffle with a donated prize of a pair of Leopold binoculars. Raffle will be at the Grandview Inn, Jaffrey beginning August 21, 2009 through August 23, 2009 was approved (3-0).

OTHER BUSINESS

None

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

On a motion by Sterling, seconded by MacIsaac, the Board of Selectmen adjourned to non-

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public session to discuss personnel – (RSA 91-A:3; sections a and c) at 7:35 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 MacIsaac, seconded by Batchelder, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. (3-0).

Submitted:

Attest:

Sue Richard
Administrative Assistant

Franklin W. Sterling, Jr.
Chairman
Board of Selectmen