

TOWN OF JAFFREY
Jaffrey, New Hampshire

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes
September 29, 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 MacIsaac, seconded by Batchelder, public meeting minutes for September 14, 2009 were approved (3-0).

PUBLIC HEARING

None

APPOINTMENTS

7:00 pm – Dorothy Zug – Monadnock Quaker Meetinghouse

Dorothy Zug will be at the Board of Selectmen Meeting on October 12, 2009.

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 on a letter he received from Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children funding request. They are requesting consideration for inclusion in our 2010 budget in the amount of \$500. Sterling asked Town Manager Hartman to contact them and explain the process of a warrant article.

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MacIsaac

None

Batchelder

Batchelder said that a request was made to decorate the bandstand for the month of October with a pink ribbon for Breast Cancer Awareness. Selectmen Sterling and MacIsaac approved the request.

3) Town Manager's Report

Hartman stated that he had an application for a license and certification of approved location for a junkyard. David Baron and Attorney Kelly Dowd asked Hartman to bring this to the Board tonight. Our current application is outdated and Baron and Dowd have been working on the new application as of yesterday.

Chairman Sterling stated that he would like to read Attorney Dowd's memorandum and asked for a motion to table until the next meeting. MacIsaac made the motion to table and Batchelder seconded (3-0).

Hartman asked the Board to prohibit camping on Town Property.

Sterling stated that this has been prompted by the fact that we have two individuals camping at Children's Woods. Hartman said that we now have information that there are three. One is a couple and there is evidence of two different campsites.

Chairman Sterling asked Town Manager Hartman to have town counsel review existing ordinances from other towns. Hartman told the board that an ordinance that regulates where sex offenders can live would need to be brought forth at Town Meeting for approval. The Board asked Hartman to draft up a permitting process for camping on town property, which would limit the days in which someone could camp on town property.

Paul St. Pierre, resident of Jaffrey said that he patrols the Rails to Trails a couple times a week picking up trash. He said that the campsite is not in Children's Woods but is on town property. He said that there are two large tents set up and he picked up beer cans all over the place.

St. Pierre said that he met Luke Wilson who camps there and said that the police do know that he is camping there. Wilson said that he has nowhere else to go. St. Pierre said that soon mother nature will be taking care of the problem of camping by flooding because it does become an island. St. Pierre said that he feels bad for Wilson and if the town takes

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action to get him out of there, then the town needs to help him find another place.

Chairman Sterling said that it too bad that someone has to live in the woods because they have no place to go or no one to take them in. Sterling said that we do have to watch out for the welfare of the citizens of Jaffrey, people who walk on the Rails to Trails, the kids that go back and forth on Stratton Road and kids at the ballpark. The repeat rate of sexual offenders is significant.

Lynda Baird of Jaffrey said that her son and other teenagers met Mr. Wilson at his campsite; therefore, she went to meet Wilson herself. Baird did say that it has been 10 years since Wilson was convicted. She believes that someone needs to give him a chance or he will have no place to go.

Sterling asked Hartman if he was making a recommendation to the board to pass an ordinance as others towns have such as Tilton, Northfield and Franklin, which are restrictions as to where sex offenders may live in proximities to schools, daycare center, recreation facilities, etc.

Hartman said that relative to the ordinance itself, it is something that can be explored. There are two options, one that the Board of Selectmen would adopt the ordinance and the other case is that it would go before town meeting.

Hartman also said that when it comes to use of town property, he believes that the board has the authority by simple majority vote to prohibit camping.

Selectmen MacIsaac asked that if we pass the ordinance are there any other properties that would be impacted by this. The town has property on Children's Woods, Terry Park, Mountain Monadnock and a trail at Cheshire Pond.

Hartman said that it would probably be more prudent to prohibit camping on town property but it would be the board's call.

Selectmen Batchelder said that she has the same concern that MacIsaac has that if we single out a property and that doesn't work and if we do all town property there will be people who did it recreationally that would be impacted. It was suggested that we have people apply for a permit to camp and limit the time to camp there. Batchelder said that she understands the concern of the gentlemen that has the background as a registered sex offender but her concern is that there is a ballfield close with a lot of kids who play there. There is also a school within walking distance and a lot of kids do walk home from school. She does understand that Baird feels that Wilson needs a second chance but she would be very remiss if she did not have concerns because she would hate to think that because the board was hesitant that something happened.

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Chairman Sterling said that he would like to see some type of permitting process crafted that would take in the length of time and apply to all town properties. MacIsaac and Batchelder agreed and asked Hartman to proceed with the process. Chairman Sterling said that once the ordinance is written, signs would be posted that camping is by permit only.

Hartman told the board that the Turner Report has been completed and asked if we could form a committee to review the report and come back to the selectmen with a recommendation for the board to act upon.

Hartman agreed to form a committee and report back to the board at the October 12th meeting.

4) Boat Tax Warrant

a) Two (2) Boat Registrations \$20.00 – received September 18, 2009

On a motion by MacIsaac, seconded by Batchelder, Two Boat Registrations in the amount of \$20.00 – received September 18, 2009 were approved (3-0).

5) Request for Sewer Abatement

a) #09-28 Margaret Rivard – Sewer Abatement request

On a motion by Batchelder, seconded by MacIsaac, #09-28 Margaret Rivard – Sewer Abatement request in the amount of \$152.40 was approved (3-0).

b) #09-31 Michael Barlick – Sewer Abatement request – \$44.62

On a motion by MacIsaac, seconded by Batchelder, #09-31 Michael Barlick – Sewer Abatement request for \$44.62 was approved (3-0).

6) Request from Cathy Proulx

a) Cathy Proulx's request for a refund on Town and State Registration Fees

On a motion by Batchelder, seconded by MacIsaac, Cathy Proulx's request for a refund from the Town in the amount of \$69.00 was approved (3-0).

b) T.E.A.M. Jaffrey's requests for Scarecrows on the Common:

- Use of the town Common, Library lawn and bandstand for the day of the event
- Display the scarecrows throughout the town for two weeks following the event

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- Temporary sign on the Town Common to advertise the event with the fee waived
- Vendor's permit issued to TEAM Jaffrey that day for the entire event with the fee waived
- Temporary parking and directional signs be given so that they may be displayed on the day of the events
- Permission to run a 50/50 raffle
- Close Memorial Drive (directly in front of the Police Station) from 6:00 pm Friday until 6:00 pm Saturday to facilitate the event (with Chief Oswald's permission)
- Permission to block the entrance to the town parking lot (at Main Street) the same day of the event (with Tammy Griffin's permission)

On a motion by MacIsaac, seconded by Sterling, T.E.A.M. Jaffrey's request for Scarecrows on the Common were approved (2-0), Batchelder abstained.

- c) Jaffrey-Rindge Rotary Club asking permission to run a Reverse Raffle and to sell tickets starting now until the event on November 6, 2009

On a motion by MacIsaac, seconded by Sterling, Jaffrey-Rindge Rotary Club's request to run a Reverse Raffle and to sell tickets starting now until the event on November 6, 2009 was approved (2-0), Batchelder abstained.

7) Timber Tax Levy

- a) Operation #09-233-07 – Frank Mieso– Map245/Lot145 – \$24.00

On a motion by MacIsaac, seconded by Batchelder, Timber Tax Levy, Operation #09-233-07 – Frank Mieso– Map245/Lot145 – \$24.00 was approved (3-0).

8) 2009 Ninth Cycle Water & Sewer Commitment Warrant

- a) Water Commitment in the amount of - \$79,202.49

On a motion by Batchelder, seconded by MacIsaac, 2009 Water Commitment in the amount of \$79,202.49 was approved (3-0).

- b) Sewer Commitment in the amount of - \$87,529.82

On a motion by Batchelder, seconded by MacIsaac, Sewer Commitment in the amount of \$87,529.82 was approved (3-0).

OTHER BUSINESS

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None

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by MacIsaac, seconded by Batchelder, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. (3-0).

Submitted:

Attest:

Sue Richard
Administrative Assistant

Franklin W. Sterling, Jr.
Chairman
Board of Selectmen