

**TOWN OF JAFFREY  
Jaffrey, New Hampshire**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Meeting Minutes  
October 12, 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 29, 2009 were approved (3-0).

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**APPOINTMENTS**

Ted Covert told the Board and he was representing the Contoocook Lake Area Preservation Association. Mr. Covert thanked the Board and the town's staff for all their help.

Mr. Covert thanked everyone for maintaining and cleaning up the town beach. Some improvements have been made this year and will make more next year.

Mr. Covert read a letter that was sent to the Contoocook Lake Area Preservation Association indicating that an official notice of intent indicating that CLAPA and Aquatic Control Technologies are applying for a permit to treat areas of Contoocook Lake on or about June 15, 2010 to arrest the spread of milfoil. The areas to be treated are the entrance to the river and all the coves on the south side of the Lake from Jowder's Cove to the cove next to the Woodbound Beach. Three areas shown near the island will be dealt with by diving in 2010. The cost of the treatment will be about \$11,000 of which the State may pay a range from \$0 to \$3,000 – net cost to CLAPA of \$8,000 to \$11,000.

The rapid spread of milfoil in Contoocook Lake is of major concern to the officers and directors of CLAPA as it poses a serious threat to the recreational and property values of all property in the Contoocook Lake area. The milfoil is being spread largely by boat and weather action, which causes pieces of the milfoil to break off where it is presently growing, float with the wind and current to a new location, sink to the bottom and establish new growth areas. This spread, if left unattended, would result in a lake filled with milfoil which

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would limit all recreational activities, turn the Lake into a large swamp area and greatly reduce property values on the Lake.

CLAPA is spending a lot of money and energy to control this growth of milfoil by chemically treating as often as permitted by the State of New Hampshire. Further, we have an extensive diving program to hand-pull plants from the bottom, removing the entire root system. This works well in smaller milfoil patches. It is done with trained, paid divers. We also have a Lake Host Program at the boat launch to remove exotic weeds from boats entering and leaving Contoocook Lake. There are no known 100% cures for milfoil once it infests a lake. All of these programs are paid for by CLAPA to protect your recreation and property values and we need your continuing support to keep them going. We are now spending some of our reserves.

In addition to the programs above, we continue our Volunteer Lake Assessment, Membership in NH Lakes, weed and loon watches and other activities to maintain Contoocook Lake in the best condition possible for all area residents. We welcome your participation and ideas at our June and August meetings at Woodbound Inn and at all times, as we work together so that the Lake will continue as a great living and recreational area. After all, it is the Lake that brings us all here!

Mr. Covert said that they will be spending about \$16,000 to \$17,000 in total next year and their income is about \$8,000. They are investing their money to protect their values and the towns.

Chairman Sterling told Mr. Covert that they have done a great service to the Town of Jaffrey and the Town of Rindge with the preservation of the lake, their efforts are greatly appreciated, and they have done a great job.

John Field invited the Board to attend the public information meeting on Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> on the Monadnock Community Conservation Partnership. Field said that if all the other pieces fall into place, it is the partnership that can energize the entire process and produce the best possible outcome. The primary purpose of the meeting is to share information about the partnership so people can understand what it is, what it does, how it functions, what would be required of Jaffrey as a participating town and what it would cost.

Mr. Field drafted a letter for the Board's consideration on the Shattuck Easement. He asked if the Board had a response to the letter and that he would take the letter along with a letter from the Conservation Commission to Monadnock Conservancy on Wednesday. Mr. Field asked if there were any questions or concerns to discuss at this time.

Selectmen MacIsaac stated that the letter talks about formation of an Open Space Community, preparation of Open Space Plan and potential participation in the Monadnock Community Conservation Partnership. MacIsaac said that his reaction to this is that it

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sounded too positive and to commit us too much to the future. MacIsaac said that he is not sure that the town is ready to do these things.

Field said that this is only a letter of support to facilitate the funding by LCHIP for the Monadnock Conservancy with matching funds from USDA to be able to obtain and pay for the conservation easement on the 126 acres of the Shattuck Farm.

MacIsaac said that the Board has not talked about an Open Space Committee.

Field said that he tried to cast Jaffrey's credentials in an accurate and positive light to show that this easement is not a standalone accomplishment. He believes that it fits into a larger game plan and that the town is working on a number of other fronts to do important things that would position us to play a more active well considered role in future land acquisition and protection. We cannot do anything now because our resources are depleted.

Chairman Sterling said that the letter should say the possible anticipated exploration of a formation of an Open Space Committee to the Open Space Committee Proposal.

MacIsaac said that the letter should emphasize the fact that yes we have done an NRI, yes we have made some critical acquisitions like Cheshire Pond and yes this fits into what we want to do.

The Board requested that the letter be revised and Mr. Field may pick it up on Tuesday. The Board would like the Planning Board's review and comments.

Dorothy Zug came before the Board to talk about Burial Ground at Monadnock Quaker Meetinghouse. Ms. Zug told the Board that they have an ad hoc committee whose task was to work out the details of the burial ground located at 3 Davidson Road in Jaffrey.

The committee is considering green burial as well as burial of ashes. Green burial is the burial of people without embalming, generally in a plain wooden box.

Mr. Zug showed the Board where the site of the Quaker property is located for the burial ground. The proposed burial ground is 78 feet from the edge of the parking out. The land to be used is 60 feet by 90 feet.

Town Manager Hartman stated that the burial ground has to be located at least 400 feet from a public water wells and 75 feet from a private well. Zug stated that the nearest well is about 300 feet from the burial ground.

Ms. Zug said that RSA 289:1 means that a burial ground means a private family or religious institution's cemetery on private property and not available for use by the public. Also, the burial space means a lot in any cemetery for the interment of a human body, bodies, or

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remains, but presently not used for such purpose. Also, RSA 289:3 states that all cemeteries and burial grounds shall be laid out in accordance with the requirement that no cemetery shall be laid out within 100 feet of any dwelling house, schoolhouse or school lot, store or other place of business without the consent of the owner of the same, nor with 50 feet of a known source of water or the right of way of any classification of state highway. Section II is burials on private property, not in an established burial ground, shall comply with local zoning regulations. In the absence of such regulations, such burial sites shall comply with the requirements above. In RSA 289:5 Cemetery Records states that the records shall also be keep of every private burial site within a municipality by the owner of the land containing the burial site and a copy of the information shall be supplied to the cemetery trustees who will maintain the municipal records of such sites.

Zug said that any burials should be reported to the Cemetery Commission. The plan is to create a burial ground for ashes and a green burial.

Chairman Sterling requested that this go before the Planning Board for site plan review.

MacIsaac said that it would be in everyone's best interest that the Planning Board surveys the area to know exactly where the burial ground is and the water sources in the area.

The Board agreed and asked Ms. Zug to call Erlene Lemire in the morning to get on the agenda for tomorrow night for a Preliminary Hearing before the Planning Board.

**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

None

MacIsaac

None

Batchelder

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Scarecrows on the Common were a fabulous event. There were 256 scarecrows made and there were more people at the event than last year. The Rousseau family won first prize for a lion and St. Patrick School won for the best business non-profit organization. The kids made the Wizard of Oz characters.

**3) Town Manager's Report**

Hartman reported that he is working on the camping regulations and will be ready for the Board meeting on November 9, 2009.

Hartman told the Board that we have two volunteers at this time for the Facilities Committee.

Hartman distributed the current estimate for the WWTF Upgrades – Tertiary Treatment System and Pellet Boiler, which is \$3,179,000. He recommended holding a Special Town Meeting on November 14, 2009. DES approved the specs last week and the bids are being opened on October 29, 2009. We will have an accrual bid price before the Special Town Meeting. Heglin, Starr and Wright-Pierce feel that the price will be less than \$3,179,000 by a couple hundred thousand.

Hartman reiterated that 50% of debt service on this bond should be funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

MacIsaac moved to have Special Town Meeting on November 14, 2009, seconded by Batchelder approved (3-0).

Chairman Sterling told Hartman that we should have an informational meeting before the Special Town Meeting. Hartman agreed and will set up an informational meeting at the Fire Station in addition to the Public Hearing will be on October 26, 2009 at the Board of Selectmen's Meeting.

**4) Boat Tax Warrant**

a) Five (5) Boat Registrations \$20.00 – received October 1, 2009

On a motion by MacIsaac, seconded by Batchelder, Five Boat Registrations for \$20.00 – received October 1, 2009 were approved (3-0).

**5) Request for Sewer Abatement**

a) #09-32 Louise Lilienfeld – Sewer Abatement request - \$431.80

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On a motion by MacIsaac, seconded by Batchelder, #09-32 Louise Lilienfeld – Sewer Abatement request for \$431.80 was approved (3-0).

b) #09-33 Elaine Patenaude – Sewer Abatement request – \$21.00

On a motion by MacIsaac, seconded by Batchelder, #09-33 Elaine Patenaude – Sewer Abatement request for \$21.00 was approved (3-0).

6) Requests

a) Community Center of Jaffrey

- Requesting to sell raffle tickets for a Wii consol until December 12, 2009

On a motion by MacIsaac, seconded by Batchelder, Community Center of Jaffrey's request to sell tickets for a Wii consol until December 12, 2009 was approved (3-0).

- To hold a 50/50 raffle at the Crafts Fair at Shattuck Golf Course on December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> and another 50/50 raffle at the Conant High School Crafts Fair on December 12, 2009

On a motion by MacIsaac, seconded by Batchelder, Community Center of Jaffrey's request to hold a 50/50 raffle at the Crafts Fair at Shattuck Golf Course on December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> and another 50/50 raffle at the Conant High School Crafts Fair on December 12, 2009 was approved (3-0).

b) Contoocook Lake Area Preservation Association (CLAPA)

- Request to lower Contoocook Lake by two feet on or about November 1, 2009 and ending on or about March 15, 2010.

On a motion by MacIsaac, seconded by Batchelder, Contoocook Lake Area Preservation Association (CLAPA) request to lower Contoocook Lake by two feet on or about March 15, 2010 was approved (3-0).

- Use of as little salt as possible on roads adjacent to the lake including Squantum Road, Woodbound Road and Little Michigan roads where they are close to the lake.

On a motion by MacIsaac, seconded by Batchelder, Contoocook Lake Area Preservation Association (CLAPA) request use of as little salt as possible on roads adjacent to the lake including Squantum Road, Woodbound Road and Little Michigan roads where they are close to the lake was approved (3-0).

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c) Approval of Application for Junkyards

- Approval of application for a license and certification of approved location to operate, establish or maintain a junkyard in accordance with Chapter 236:111-129

On a motion by MacIsaac, seconded by Batchelder, approval of application for a license and certification of approved location to operate, establish or maintain a junkyard in accordance with Chapter 236:111-129 was approved (3-0).

**OTHER BUSINESS**

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:

Sue Richard  
Administrative Assistant

Attest:

Franklin W. Sterling, Jr.  
Chairman  
Board of Selectmen