

TOWN OF JAFFREY
Jaffrey, New Hampshire

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes
October 26, 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 October 12, 2009 were approved (3-0).

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Sterling read the Notice of Public Hearing – Board of Selectmen will be holding a Bond Hearing on the Wastewater Filtration Process and Pellet Boiler in the amount of \$3,179,000. Further, without impairing the status of the bond as a general obligation bond of the Town, it is the intention of the Selectmen that 50% of debt service on this bond shall be funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The Bond Hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m., Monday, October 26, 2009 at Jaffrey Town Offices.

Town Manager Hartman said that we have to meet the phosphorous limit of .16 and the engineering have said that we are not likely to meet that permit requirement without tertiary treatment.

Randall Heglin, Director of Department of Public Works stated that the new wastewater plant can not meet the new phosphorous filtration limit that was recently issued. He said that in 2007 voters approved to build the new plant without the filtration system because of financial reason and that we did not know what the federal and state phosphorous limits would be.

Heglin said that because we added the pellet boiler to our application for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act money, the project ranked high on the state's priority list for stimulus funding.

Heglin stated that on October 23rd they heard that the town's application for ARRA Funds to replace the water main on Cathedral Road is now on the list. The town would receive \$450,000 to do twice the project for the same amount of money.

Chairman Sterling said that the cost for the proposed warrant for the Special Town Meeting is

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\$3,179,000.

Heglin said that hear say is that bids are coming in less than the engineer's estimates. He said that there have been eleven general contractors who received bids and specs. The bid openings will be October 30th at 1:00 p.m. and then we will have a firm number for town meeting.

Ann Chamberlain stated that she is on a fixed income and that she would have to pay the increase in taxes and sewer and that Jaffrey residents can not afford \$3,179,000 for a sewer project. Chamberlain is also worried that this article could pass by a small majority of people if residents did not show up for the town meeting.

The Board asked that the town send out postcards to all residents regarding the upcoming Special Town Meeting on November 14th @ 9:00 a.m. at the Pratt Auditorium.

Chairman Sterling reiterated that it would take a two-thirds majority to pass the warrant article and that the ARRA money would pay for half the project. The town's portion would be paid one-third by taxpayers and two-thirds by sewer users.

Hartman said that if the town bonds the town's share, which is \$1.6 million, that it would add 12 cents to the sewer rate and 10.5 cents to the tax rate.

Robert Bussiere stated that the Budget Committee voted in favor of supporting the warrant article.

There will be an informational meeting on November 5th at 7:00 pm at the Fire Station.

After much discussion, Chairman Sterling closed the hearing at 7:55 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS

None

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

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None

MacIsaac

None

Batchelder

None

3) Town Manager's Report

Town Manager Hartman presented a policy regarding Camping on Town Owned Property a length of no more than three days within a forty-five day period. Camping permit to the Board as requested. The policy does allow camping by permit only and is limited to applications may be obtained at the town office and must be made fourteen days in advance of the planned camping event. The Board of Selectmen will review all applications and if the board finds that the application is complete and that the applicant has met all requirements, they shall issue a permit. Any permit issued shall clearly state the dates for which it is valid, and whether campfires are permitted or not. In addition, they shall contain the following:

NOTICE: Camping on town lands without a permit and/or after expiration of a permit shall constitute trespass pursuant to New Hampshire, revised statutes annotated 635:2.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the policy regarding Camping on Town Owned Property.

4) Boat Tax Warrant

a) Seven (7) Boat Registrations \$12.64 – received October 12, 2009

On a motion by MacIsaac, seconded by Batchelder, Seven Boat Registrations for \$12.64 – received October 12, 2009 were approved (3-0).

5) Request for Sewer Abatement

a) #09-34 Elaine Patenaude – Water Abatement request - \$10.50

On a motion by MacIsaac, seconded by Batchelder, #09-34 Elaine Patenaude – Water Abatement request for \$10.50 was approved (3-0).

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b) #09-35 Eunice Schmaltz – Water Abatement request – \$10.50

On a motion by MacIsaac, seconded by Batchelder, #09-35 Eunice Schmaltz – Water Abatement request for \$10.50 was approved (3-0).

6) 2009 Tenth Cycle Water & Sewer Commitment Warrant

a) 2009 Tenth Cycle Water Commitment Warrant in the amount of \$74,083.98

On a motion by MacIsaac, seconded by Batchelder, 2009 Tenth Cycle Water Commitment Warrant in the amount of \$74,083.98 was approved (3-0).

b) 2009 Tenth Cycle Sewer Commitment Warrant in the amount of \$82,456.26

On a motion by MacIsaac, seconded by Batchelder, 2009 Tenth Cycle Sewer Commitment Warrant in the amount of \$82,456.26 was approved (3-0).

7) Requests

a) Jaffrey Ice Racing Corporation request permit for 2010 Ice Racing

On a motion by MacIsaac, seconded by Batchelder, Jaffrey Ice Racing Corporation request for permit for 2010 Ice Racing was approved (3-0).

b) Jaffrey Grade School Parents Group request permission to hold a raffle for a Wii system

On a motion by MacIsaac, seconded by Batchelder, Jaffrey Grade School Parents Group request for permission to hold a raffle for a Wii system was approved (3-0).

c) Boy Scout Troop 33 request permission to sell tickets on Town-owned property for Spaghetti Supper fundraiser

On a motion by MacIsaac, seconded by Batchelder, Boy Scout Troop 33 request for permission to sell tickets on Town-owned property for Spaghetti Supper fundraiser was approved (3-0).

d) Jake Jalbert request to become a member of the Economic Development Council

On a motion by MacIsaac, seconded by Batchelder, Jake Jalbert's request to become a member of the Economic Development Council was approved (3-0).

e) Good Shepherd Rehab & Nursing Center will be holding a Holiday Bazaar and

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request permission to hold a raffle on December 5, 2009

On a motion by MacIsaac, seconded by Batchelder, request from Good Shepherd Rehab & Nursing Center will be holding a Holiday Bazaar and permission to hold a raffle on December 5, 2009 was approved (3-0).

8) Meetinghouse Use Request

a) Jessica Folster – Wedding and rehearsal – October 1st & 2nd, 2010

On a motion by MacIsaac, seconded by Batchelder, Meetinghouse Use Request from Jessica Folster for Wedding and rehearsal on October 1st and 2nd, 2010 was approved (3-0).

9) Approved Grant – Bulletproof Vest Partnership

a) Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant

On a motion by MacIsaac, seconded by Batchelder, Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant was approved (3-0).

OTHER BUSINESS

None

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by MacIsaac, seconded by Batchelder, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. (3-0).

Submitted:

Sue Richard
Administrative Assistant

Attest:

Franklin W. Sterling, Jr.
Chairman
Board of Selectmen

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