

TOWN OF JAFFREY
Jaffrey, New Hampshire

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes
December 14, 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 November 30, 2009 were approved (3-0).

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Franklin Sterling opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 pm and read the Public Hearing Notice for the Community Development Block Grant Project.

Donna Lane, CDGB Consultant for the Forest Park Cooperative Electrical Upgrade Project reported that the project is completed and ahead of schedule. Marge Andrews stated that the project was under budget and everyone was happy with the work.

The Board told Marge Andrews that she deserved a lot of credit for putting this project together and having it completed.

There being no further questions, Chairman Sterling closed the Public Hearing at 7:06 pm.

APPOINTMENTS

Caroline Hollister presents the Board with the Annual Report for Park Theatre, Inc. Hollister who is president of the Park Theatre of Trustees reported to the Board that an Economic Impact on Arts study had been completed. The Park Theatre will be hosting the presentation of the study on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 from 12:00 – 2:00 pm at The Park Theatre in downtown Jaffrey. Randy Cohen who is a representative of the American for the Arts will be the presenter. The Board of Trustees will be inviting municipal, business and civic organizations in Jaffrey to come and learn more about the economic benefit this will have to our community.

Hollister said that the nonprofit arts and culture industry is an economic driver in our communities, and a local industry that supports jobs, generates government revenue and is one of

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the cornerstones of tourism.

Over 1,000 surveys came in and were submitted to Americans for the Arts. The Park Theatre is a participating organization in Arts Alive.

Ms. Hollister relayed to the Board that Park Theatre had sold \$197,000 in tax credits. The Theatre was awarded \$500,000 in Tax Credits in October by CDFA to help raise money for the restoration. Seven businesses in town have taken advance of the tax credits.

The Board thanked Caroline Hollister for her presentation.

Janet Grant, Chairman of the Jaffrey Historic District Commission, Christine Pedot and Dick Ames came before the Board to discuss the CLG Grant.

Janet Grant reported that the Certified Local Government Grant from 2008 in the amount of \$7,800 for the Historic Review and Area Survey of Squantum Village has been completed. Grant distributed a booklet on Squantum Village to the Board. Twenty properties have been noted in the booklet and the grant was done by Elizabeth Hengen. The area survey will allow them to go forward. They have qualified for both State and National Registers.

In the booklet, Hengen talks about the location, design, materials, setting, workmanship and association. This is a part of our historic industrial development, which was over 250 years ago.

Grant stated that they are looking for their next project for the Certified Local Government Grant.

Chairman Sterling commented that Squantum Village is one of the oldest settled areas in the Town of Jaffrey. The village has some of the original industries in Jaffrey. One of the long-standing industries was Annett Lumber Company.

Chairman Sterling commended the Historic District Commission for the great job that they did.

Vic Krea and Randall Heglin came to the Board to discuss the Proposed Water & Sewer Rates.

After much discussion on the Water and Sewer Rates, no decision was made and the Board decided to hold a workshop on Monday, December 21, 2009 at 6:30 pm for discussion purposes before voting to accept the rates at the December 28th Board Meeting. The Board directed Town Manager Michael Hartman to look into some of the questions and issues that were raised.

REGULAR BUSINESS

1) Payroll and Vendor Manifests

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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

None

3) Town Manager's Report

None

4) Request for Water and Sewer Abatement

a) #09-36 REE Properties LLC – Sewer Abatement request - \$64.26

On a motion by MacIsaac, seconded by Batchelder, #09-36 REE Properties LLC Sewer Abatement request for \$64.26 was approved (3-0).

b) #09-37 Virginia Quinlan & Anne Griffin – Water Abatement request – \$210.00 and Sewer Abatement request \$259.46

On a motion by MacIsaac, seconded by Batchelder, #09-37 Virginia Quinlan & Anne Griffin – Water Abatement request for \$210.00 and Sewer Abatement request for \$259.46 were approved (3-0).

c) #09-38 St. Patrick Parish – Water Abatement request – \$7,560.00

On a motion by MacIsaac, seconded by Batchelder, #09-38 St. Patrick Parish Water Abatement request for \$7,560.00 was approved (3-0).

d) #09-39 Jason Johnson – Water Abatement request

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On a motion by MacIsaac, seconded by Batchelder, Abatement request #09-39 for Jason Johnson was denied (3-0).

5) Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber

a) #09-233-17-T – Map 227 Lot 25 – Gilmore Pond Road – Si Balch – signed

b) #09-233-18-T – Map 237 Lots 48.1, 48.2, 48.3 – Harkness Road – Sylvia Hamilton – signed

6) Timber Tax Levy

a) Operation # 09-233-10 – Pamela White – Map248/Lot1 & 6, Map249/Lot1 - \$941.09

On a motion by MacIsaac, seconded by Batchelder, Timber Tax Levy Operation # 09-233-10 – Pamela White – Map248/Lot1 & 6, Map249/Lot1 in the amount of \$941.09 was approved (3-0).

7) Veterans Tax Credit

a) Donald MacIsaac – 19 Stony Brooks Road – Map229/Lot11 – Veterans Tax Credit in the amount of \$200.00

On a motion by Batchelder, seconded by Sterling, Veterans Tax Credit for Donald MacIsaac – 19 Stony Brooks Road – Map229/Lot11 in the amount of \$200.00 was approved (2-0).

8) Elderly Exemption Credit

a) Olive M. Bourque – 109 Main Street – Map238/Lot103 – Elderly Exemption - \$75,000

On a motion by MacIsaac, seconded by Batchelder, Elderly Exemption Credit for Olive M. Bourque – 109 Main Street – Map238/Lot103 for \$75,000 was approved (3-0).

9) 2010 Holiday Schedule for Town Employees

On a motion by MacIsaac, seconded by Batchelder, 2010 Holiday Schedule for Town Employees was approved (3-0).

10) 2010 Schedule for Board of Selectmen Meetings

On a motion by Batchelder, seconded by MacIsaac, 2010 Schedule for Board of Selectmen Meetings were approved as amended (3-0).

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11) Acceptance as a Public Way

- a) To accept Lord View Drive as a Public Way

On a motion by MacIsaac, seconded by Batchelder, Lord Drive Acceptance as a Public Way was approved (3-0).

12) Use of the Jaffrey Meetinghouse

- a) Kyle Brock & Kerry Jenkins – wedding rehearsal on October 1st and wedding on October 2, 2010

On a motion by MacIsaac, seconded by Batchelder, Use of the Meetinghouse for Kyle Brock & Kerry Jenkins – wedding rehearsal on October 1st and wedding on October 2, 2010 were approved (3-0).

13) Appointment to Jaffrey Conservation Commission

- a) Appoint Patricia Weiner to the Jaffrey Conservation Commission

On a motion by MacIsaac, seconded Batchelder, appointment of Patricia Weiner to Jaffrey Conservation Commission was approved (3-0).

14) Collection of back taxes

- a) Update on property and permission to collect back taxes on property of Joyce A. Rose and William Rose Jr. – 39 Ridgecrest Road

Collection of back taxes was passed over for the next Board of Selectmen's Meeting on 12/28/09.

15) Approval to Transfer Funds

- a) Approval to transfer funds from Impact Fees for Community Ball Field

On a motion by MacIsaac, seconded by Batchelder, approval to transfer funds from Impact Fess for Community Ball Field were approved (3-0).

16) Supplemental Water and Sewer Bill for Kimball Farms

- a) Approval of Supplemental Water and Sewer Warrant for Kimball Farms

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On a motion by MacIsaac, seconded by Batchelder, Supplemental Water and Sewer Bill for Kimball Farms were approved (3-0).

17) Recommended Fee for Conditional Use Permit

On a motion by MacIsaac, seconded by Batchelder, Recommended Fee for Conditional Use Permit was approved (3-0).

OTHER BUSINESS

None

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by MacIsaac, seconded by Batchelder, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. (3-0).

Submitted:

Sue Richard
Administrative Assistant

Attest:

Franklin W. Sterling, Jr.
Chairman
Board of Selectmen