

TOWN OF JAFFREY
Jaffrey, New Hampshire

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes
June 27, 2011

Present: Selectman Batchelder, Selectman LaBrie, Selectman MacIsaac, Town Manager Michael Hartman

Absent: None

Staff: Sue Richard

CALL TO ORDER

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

On a motion by LaBrie, seconded by Batchelder, public meeting minutes for June 13, 2011 were approved (3-0).

PUBLIC HEARING

None

APPOINTMENTS

Deborah Sumner came before the Board to discuss the voting machine that was approved in 2003. Sumner believes that there should be a check on the accuracy of the machine which would be a hand count as well as the voting machine.

Sumner stated that Marc Tieger, as the Moderator, has the authority under State Law on all voting to do a check (hand count) as well as the voting machine, but he would rather have the authority for what he does coming from a vote at Town Meeting if this is what the voters want.

Sumner said if the Board was willing to go forward with this as a community that she would come back next month with a more formalized proposal.

Selectman LaBrie stated that the machine is accurate because a recount (hand count) was done for her election and the count was exactly the same as the voting machine count. She does not believe that we in Jaffrey have a problem with the voting machine and we should continue doing the voting just as we are.

Sumner said that Tieger was asked to do a parallel hand count, not a recount. This happens on election night before the ballots leave the polling place.

Chairman Batchelder agreed with Selectmen LaBrie, "if it ain't broke don't fix it". She understands the perspective and the concern that Sumner has on a State level but on a local level there is not a problem so why would *we* change the process unless we are told at the State level

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that they are changing the process. The conversation should take place more at a State level.

Batchelder suggested to Sumner to go out and get a voter petition for a warrant article for town meeting. She could also have an informational meeting.

Lurene & David Bell came before the Board to get an update on the parking situation on Main Street.

Chairman Batchelder stated that the Police Department has been checking the parking situation out daily on Main Street. We will be checking on signage for no parking on the corner.

Mr. Bell asked if the crosswalk could be moved up on Main Street about 2 or 3 feet.

Batchelder will check with DPW on the laws regarding crosswalks and parking spaces and will get back to Mr. Bell.

Steve Wendell presented a proposed radio station which will cover 88 percent or more of the Jaffrey, New Hampshire population within the urban center of the township. In addition, the nighttime radio broadcast signal covers 40 percent or more of the total population of the Township in Jaffrey.

The Board of Selectmen gave support to Mr. Wendell's proposed radio station providing first-time broadcast service to the municipality and to surrounding communities. The first-time broadcast service will provide the means to communicate news and information from the municipality, community groups and not-for-profit volunteer organizations.

The Town of Jaffrey urges the Federal Communication Commission to approve Mr. Wendell's application for first-time broadcast service to the municipality and to surrounding communities.

REGULAR BUSINESS

1) **Payroll and Vendor Manifests**

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

2) **Selectmen's Reports**

Batchelder

None

LaBrie

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None

MacIsaac

None

3) Town Manager's Report

None

4) Cycle #6 2011 Water & Sewer Commitment List

a) 2011 Water Commitment Cycle #6 - \$105,101.00

On a motion by LaBrie, seconded by MacIsaac, 2011 Water Commitment Cycle #6 - \$105,101.00 was approved (3-0).

b) 2011 Sewer Commitment Cycle #6 - \$111,294.00

On a motion by LaBrie, seconded by MacIsaac, 2011 Sewer Commitment Cycle #6 - \$111,294.00 was approved (3-0).

5) Assessed Stumpage Tax Summary for 2010/2011 - \$9,202.90

On a motion by LaBrie, seconded by MacIsaac, Assessed Stumpage Tax Summary for 2010/2011 - \$9,202.90 was approved (3-0).

6) Request

a) Wallace Wooster request sidewalk at Contoocook Beach

On a motion by LaBrie, seconded by MacIsaac, request from Wallace Wooster regarding sidewalk at Contoocook Beach was deferred (3-0).

7) Dog Warrants

a) Approval for Civil Forfeiture

On a motion by LaBrie, seconded by MacIsaac, Approval for Civil Forfeiture – Town Clerk to send out one more postcard as a reminder and then move forward (3-0).

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8) Abatements

- a) Deborah Eaton – Map247/Lot47
- b) Dennis & Carol Thompson – Map249/Lot2
- c) Peter Harvey – Map244/Lot11
- d) Patrice A. Petry – Map238/Lot86/2
- e) Brian Winslow – Map246/Lot4
- f) Elaine San Souci – Map245/Lot116
- g) Kathleen & Frank Whitman – Map236/Lot17
- h) Arnie C. Filipi – Map212/Lot18
- i) Brian & Tanya LeBlanc – Map253/Lot36
- j) Jaffrey Housing Associates LP c/o Southwestern Community Services, Inc. – Map238Lot175, 281, 282
- k) Scott & Robyn Mahoney – Map240/Lot94
- l) Dennis & Marilyn Dupont – Map249/Lot6
- m) Marion & Jacqueline Griffith – Map236/Lot12

On a motion by LaBrie, seconded by MacIsaac, the above Abatements a – m were approved (3-0).

- a) James DePaul – Map207/Lot1

On a motion by LaBrie, seconded by MacIsaac, Abatement request for James DePaul – Map207/Lot1 was deferred for clarification (3-0).

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ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by LaBrie, seconded by MacIsaac, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. (3-0).

Submitted:

Attest:

Sue Richard
Administrative Assistant

Kathleen Batchelder
Chairman
Board of Selectmen