

TOWN OF JAFFREY
Jaffrey, New Hampshire

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2011

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

Absent: None

Staff: Sue Richard

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Batchelder called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Batchelder read a Proclamation – The Jaffrey Board of Selectmen do hereby proclaim October 9-15, 2011 as Fire Prevention Week throughout this Town, and We urge all the people of Jaffrey to protect their homes and families by heeding the important safety messages of Fire Prevention Week 2011, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Town of Jaffrey’s fire and emergency services.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

On a motion by LaBrie, seconded by MacIsaac, public meeting minutes for September 12, 2011 were approved (2-0).

PUBLIC HEARING

None

APPOINTMENTS

David Bell came to the Board to ask questions regarding Town Managers contract and stated that the people have the option to vote on Town Managers salary.

Chairman Batchelder stated that when we had gone to a Town Manager form of meeting, it was decided by the Town that the Selectmen would negotiate the contract. Batchelder did not know the exact year but said that this was voted on at Town Meeting in the 1980’s.

Selectmen LaBrie stated that this was voted on and passed before 1987.

Mr. Bell asked if a petition warrant article was submitted whether the people could vote on the contract. Batchelder replied yes. (Subsequent to the meeting, review of RSA 37:10 showed “The town manager shall receive such compensation as may be fixed by the Selectmen, unless otherwise specifically voted by the town.”)

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Lurene Bell came to the Board to talk about no parking signs to be posted at the corner of Charlonne and Main Street. Mrs. Bell submitted information to the Board about the process of getting signs from the State.

Joan Knight, Director of Jaffrey Library came before the Board of Selectmen to give an update on the Library. Knight said that the Integrated Library System which is their new on-line system has enabled them to streamline overdue notices and notices to people that their books are available.

The website has been updated and all catalogs can be accessed. They can reserve books, make suggests on material for the library to purchase and also renew the material they have at home.

People can also check on data bases are available from the State. The State has magazine indexes and genealogy.

Circulation is continuing to increase and is at 36,800 which is the same as the last couple of years. The most popular are adult fiction books, children picture books and DVD's. From January to September the circulation for adult fiction books has been 5,846 and DVD's at this time is 4,160.

The in-house computers are used about 117 times a day. There are only nine computers in the Library and could use more.

Children's Department did a program this summer with the Monadnock Human Society to raise money. There was an increase in the number of members in the reading group and also an increase in the number of hours read which is up to 2,500 hours. The library also has a knitting group, book discussion group, and a film group which is very popular.

Sheila goes out to daycares to do story hour with the children.

Slate and gutters are being replaced on the building. Knight also mentioned that she would like to see the town have a Facilities Maintenance person whom will be available to all the departments.

REGULAR BUSINESS

1) Payroll and Vendor Manifests

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

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2) Selectmen's Reports

Batchelder

Scarecrows on the Common will be held October 8th.

LaBrie

LaBrie attended the Community Center Meeting which was held Wednesday, September 21st.

MacIsaac

MacIsaac went to the Fire Department Golf Tournament on Sunday which was a great success.

3) Town Manager's Report

Hartman told the Board that the town has more than seventy computers and more than half are more than five years old with only 512 memory and they are getting to be a serious problem. Hartman suggested that we look at leasing our computers under a three year lease. In doing this we would always have the most modern technology. We are currently exploring this with Sequoya.

4) Abatements

a) #11-44 – Mike & Linda Dionne – 25 Lawrence Street – Sewer \$ \$65.56

On a motion by LaBrie, seconded by MacIsaac, Abatement #11-44 – Mike & Linda Dionne – 25 Lawrence Street – Sewer \$65.56 was approved (3-0).

b) #11-45 – Robert R. Poppenga Jr. – 12 Eastwood Drive – Water \$12.00

On a motion by LaBrie, seconded by MacIsaac, Abatement #11-45 – Robert R. Poppenga Jr. – 12 Eastwood Drive – Water \$12.00 was approved (3-0).

c) #11-46 – Robert & Michele Motuzas – 23 Squantum Road – Sewer

On a motion by LaBrie, seconded by MacIsaac, Abatement #11-46 – Robert & Michele Motuzas – 23 Squantum Road – Sewer was tabled (3-0).

5) Ninth Cycle 2011 Water & Sewer Commitment Warrant

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a) Ninth Cycle 2011 Water Commitment \$105,548.27

On a motion by LaBrie, seconded by MacIsaac, Ninth Cycle 2011 Water Commitment \$105,548.27 was approved (3-0).

b) Ninth Cycle 2011 Sewer Commitment \$116,742.58

On a motion by LaBrie, seconded by MacIsaac, Ninth Cycle 2011 Sewer Commitment \$116,742.58 was approved (3-0).

6) Use of Jaffrey Meetinghouse

a) Courtney Banghart – Ewing, NJ – August 18, 2012 Wedding

On a motion by LaBrie, seconded by MacIsaac, Use of the Meetinghouse on August 18, 2012 for a wedding for Courtney Banghart was approved (3-0).

7) Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber

a) #11-233-08-T – James Bearce – Map225/Lots 15-18 – signed

b) #11-233-02-T – (Supplemental) – Ingrid Gutberg – Map248/Lots 15, 16 – signed

8) Discretionary Preservation Easement

a) Robert Chase – 169 Thorndike Pond Road – Woodbine Farm

On a motion by LaBrie, seconded by MacIsaac, a letter will be sent to Mr. Chase with approval pending completion of process (3-0).

a) Jaffrey Ice Racing Corporation request permission to use Lake Contoocook for Ice Racing starting in January 2012

On a motion by LaBrie, seconded by MacIsaac, Jaffrey Ice Racing Corporations request for permission to use Lake Contoocook for Ice Racing starting in January 2012 was approved (3-0).

OTHER BUSINESS

None

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NON-PUBLIC SESSION

On a motion by Batchelder, seconded by LaBrie, the Board of Selectmen adjourned to non-public to discuss personnel – (RSA 91-A:3; sections a and c) at 8:18 p.m.

After discussing non-public items, on a motion by Batchelder, seconded by LaBrie, they returned to public session (3-0).

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by LaBrie, seconded by MacIsaac, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. (3-0).

Submitted:

Sue Richard
Administrative Assistant

Attest:

Jeanne LaBrie
Board of Selectmen