

TOWN OF JAFFREY
Jaffrey, New Hampshire
Select Board Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2016

Chairman: Donald MacIsaac

Selectmen: James Moore, Frank Sterling

Town Manager: David Caron

Administrative Assistant: Judith Zola

A. Call to Order

Non-Public –

B. Public Hearing –

C. Approval of Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Sterling, seconded by Moore, public meeting minutes for 9/12/16 were approved (3-0)

On a motion by Moore, seconded by Sterling, public meeting minutes for 9/29/16 were approved (3-0)

D. Appointments-

6:00 pm - Randy Heglin – In an effort to decrease the DPW operating budget, Randy has looked into changing the street lights to LED lights. There are 153 lights in town, 11 which are the antique lights in Jaffrey Center. The savings would be \$275,000 over 20 years. To retrofit the present lights, the cost would be \$45,000, which would be paid back within 2 years of using the LED lights. It was suggested to have the HDC look at a catalog of lights that may resemble their current lights, as the current lights cannot be replaced. If the BOS authorizes a pilot study, there can be 6 lights replaced and the public can give their input. Of note, the lights can be dimmed, which would be a bonus in the Historical District. Selectman Sterling will bring the catalog to the next HDC meeting. The BOS approved the pilot test study (3-0)

6:30pm – Deborah Sumner- Ms. Sumner again raised her concerns regarding voting rights and election integrity issues. Chairman MacIsaac stated if Ms. Sumner questions somebody's integrity, she would be well advised to have strong evidence, as simply raising the question implies that wrongdoing has occurred. If there is no evidence of any wrongdoing, it would be considered a conspiracy theory. Ms. Sumner raised the following:

- 1) Requested that the Board allow the public to review ballots as needed after the November election;
- 2) Questioned whether the pre-election testing procedure is sufficient to avoid voter fraud.
- 3) Reiterated her concerns about election problems prior to the November 2010 election;
- 4) The Town Moderator should hand count to verify the accuracy of the electronic voting machines;
- 5) Requested that the Town return to paper ballots and hand counting;

TOWN OF JAFFREY
Jaffrey, New Hampshire
Select Board Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2016

- 6) Asked the Board to request clarification from the Attorney General's Office on the use of voting machines.

The Board responded that the Town Moderator conducts all elections pursuant to applicable state statutes; guidelines and advice as promulgated by the Secretary of State's Office and the Office of Attorney General; and subject to inspection by the AG's Office during each state election. The Town uses electronic voting machines per the directive of the voters at the 2003 Town Meeting and in accordance with RSA 656.

E. Consent Agenda

1. Payroll and Vendor Manifests
2. Abatements
 - a) Discussion of Elderly Exemption Paperwork
 - b) #16-79 – William Chapman – 95 Nutting Road - \$ 450.33 - Sewer
3. Jaffrey Ice Racing Association – 2017 Ice Racing Permit Request
4. Cemetery Deed
 - a) Rose Pederson – Jaffrey, NH - \$ 350.00
5. Meetinghouse Requests
 - a) Rachel DiTullio & Stephen Laird- Wedding- August 12, 2017
6. Voting Times & Location Verification letter

On a motion by Moore, seconded by Sterling, Consent Agenda was approved (3-0) except for Abatement #16-79, which was tabled awaiting more information from the Tax Collector. The review of Elderly Exemption (2-a) will be discussed in a non-public session.

F. Select Board's Business

Selectmen's Reports

- MacIsaac-
1. Letter of support for Elderly Housing was sent.
 2. Community dinner @ church is looking for servers
 3. DOT Letter- Highway Block Grant
 4. Scarecrows on the Common – well attended, 233 scarecrows, more than 2015.
 5. Childcare meeting (Impact Monadnock) – regarding birth to 5 years old, it takes more intensive adult supervision. There should be a parent involvement along with the program to add to the education of the child.

Moore – Con Com worked a Cheshire Pond trail. More discussion about the school committee action on Route 202 land regarding easements. Recycling committee meeting on

TOWN OF JAFFREY
Jaffrey, New Hampshire
Select Board Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2016

a weekly basis. There was a question about the differences of warrant article and budget requests. Warrant articles at Town Meeting regarding the pay as you throw vs. a budget issue if equipment or upgrades are needed. Recycling is mandatory in this town and maybe bags should be randomly checked before dumping to ensure it's enforced.

Sterling – HDC met a week ago. Discussion was about a request from Rob Stephenson for \$1,000 from the HDC trust fund to supplement shingling the roof on the Meetinghouse.

Town Manager's Report

Cablecasting Meetings – The Town has received a proposal from one vendor and responding to logistical questions from a second vendor and anticipate the second proposal shortly.

Citizen Survey – Town Moderator Marc Tieger has given additional thought to the logistics regarding a survey contemplated for the November 8 election; Marc confirms that the survey would need to be conducted after voters have left the polls and deposited their ballots into the ballot box. The current configuration could be altered to provide more space between the ballot box and the side exit.

Howard Park – The local VFW has been maintaining the Park for a number of years now, and now finds it difficult to continue with limited resources. The VFW has been in communications with the original benefactor regarding this matter, and hopes to find a resolution. Should no resolution be identified, the VFW inquired about the Town's interest in accepting this piece of property. The Board has been empowered by the voters under RSA 31:19, II to accept the gift. The Board agreed to consider and directed that a title search be completed to understand any legal requirements associated with the property.

2016 Tax Rate – The Board reviewed the anticipated rate, with confirmation to be received from the Department of Revenue Administration shortly.

G. New Business

H. Other Business

I. Non-public Session On a motion by Moore, seconded by MacIsaac to enter Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II(a) at 8:22pm (3-0)

On a motion by Sterling, seconded by Moore to exit Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II(a) at 9:07pm (3-0)

**TOWN OF JAFFREY
Jaffrey, New Hampshire
Select Board Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2016**

J. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm on a motion by Moore, seconded by Sterling (3-0).

Submitted:

Attest:

Judith A. Zola
Administrative Assistant

Donald MacIsaac
Chairman