

TOWN OF JAFFREY
Jaffrey, New Hampshire
Select Board Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2017

Chairman: James Moore

Selectmen: Franklin W. Sterling, Jr., James Weimann

Town Manager: Jon Frederick

Administrative Assistant: Judith Zola

Guests: Assessors Paul McKenney & Joe Lessard, MRI; Lars Traffie, Hope Fellowship Church;
Atty John Griffin

A. Call to Order – 6:00 pm

B. Public Hearings

C. Approval of Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Weimann, seconded by Moore, public minutes of 05/22/17 were approved (2-0). Sterling abstaining due to not having attended 5/22/17 meeting

On a motion by Weimann, seconded by Moore, non-public minutes of 05/22/17 were approved (2-0). Sterling abstaining due to not having attended 5/22/17 meeting

D. Appointments-

6:00 pm Hope Fellowship – Lars Traffie from Hope Fellowship and his Attorney John Griffin came before the Board to discuss their denied abatement. Assessor Paul McKenney explained the reason for denial was that the church building was not owned, occupied or used by the April 1st deadline. In addition, an A-9 (Tax Exemption request) form was also not completed by the April 15th deadline. Atty Griffin understood the decision and was willing to accept the decision on last year's abatement request, however, would like to have the BOS consider the tax-exempt status for this year based on a court case that occurred in Boscawen, NH, where the church was still under construction, but granted the exemption for the purpose of establishing a church. Paul McKenney will review the case and report back to the BOS. Atty. Griffin will submit this year's A-9 form and the BOS will review case and the A-9 to consider an abatement toward this year's taxes.

After some discussion, the BOS decided to await Paul McKenney's report on the Boscawen case, but as for now, they will uphold their decision to deny abatement.

E. Consent Agenda

1. Payroll and Vendor Manifests

2. Abatements
 - a) #17-44 - McDonalds Corp. 85 Peterborough Street – \$ 39,005.67 - Sewer
 - b) #17-45 – John Humiston Post 11 – 20 Webster Street - \$ 235.97 Sewer
 - c) #17-46 – Dale Traffie – 24 Sharon Place, Rindge - \$2.00 – Water
 - d) #17-10 – Great Bridge Partnership LTD- 2 North Street - \$1,344.25 - Taxes

3. Veteran Tax Exemption
 - a) Mary Kidd – Removal from list -non-resident
Exemption was removed

4. Cemetery Deeds
 - a) Bruce W. & Pamela W. Hill- Cutter Extension Cemetery – \$ 700

5. Prosecutor’s Office Lease Agreement

6. Yield Tax Levy
 - a) Kathleen Van Dyke – Map 229/Lot 33 - \$ 229.67
 - b) Sheila Nagle – Map 248/Lot 19 & 26 - \$ 176.51

7. 2017-2018 Welfare Allowable Levels
Tabled: BOS requested more information from Welfare Director.

8. Signage Request – The First Church in Jaffrey- Annual Fair- 8-2-17
Request for 2 notices on Town Bulletin Boards approved. First Church was advised to contact land owner of Route 202 Kiosk for permission to place sign.

F. Old Business

- Mountainside Senior Housing – John Manning from SWCS was present to update the Board on the proposed Senior Housing Project. The Block Grant didn’t pass, so they need to re-apply this year. If all goes well, they will get notice of funding in October/November 2017 and then construction would begin in the Spring 2018. SWCS needs the BOS to start the grant application process. Chairman Moore expressed his concern of the location of the building on the lot. He feels it severely limits the use of the rest of the property, which Selectman Sterling agreed with. Selectmen Weimann wanted clarification that this would be Senior housing and not subsidized. Mr. Manning confirmed it would be Senior residents with certain income requirements being in place. The Board decided to table this decision until the June 26th meeting. Mr. Manning suggested the Board visiting one of the other Senior Housing units to give them a clearer picture of what they’re proposing.

- Thomas Desteph – Elderly Exemption- TM Frederick did research with DRA and concluded that the self-employment tax cannot be deducted as an expense. Hearing this, the Select Board will stand by their earlier denial decision signed at the March 29th meeting. A letter will be sent to Mr. Desteph.

G. New Business

- Resolution # 2017-12 – Special Event Permit – Jaffrey Rec. Dept. -Mini Triathlon 8-13
On a motion by Sterling, seconded by Weimann, Resolution #2017-12 was approved (3-0).
- Resolution #2017-13 – BOS to Authorize Use of Municipal Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Funds
On a motion by Sterling, seconded by Weimann, Resolution #2017-12 was approved (3-0).

H. Reports to the Select Board

Selectmen's Reports

Moore:

1. ConCom- Reviewed Nutting Road/Letourneau Roads with Doug Starr, Randy Heglin and TM Frederick. Con Com will pay to have property lines flagged. The Monadnock Conservancy is trying to purchase the Royce property, the Concom is willing to donate \$10,000 toward the purchase. The grant for the ConCom to get the conservation easement would need the endorsement of the Select Board.

2. School Appropriation Committee- State grants are applied to both Rindge (\$1.5 Million) and Jaffrey (\$3.3 million). Rindge is proposing that these amounts come off the initial budget and then the cost would be per student. The committee asked Chairman Moore to ask the Town Manager for the following:

- 1.Total Re-evaluation of Jaffrey
 2. Changing the valuation to a 2-acre lot like Rindge
 3. Premium for more manpower in Jaffrey (more schools to cover)
- Assessed value determines the school payment. BOS will continue to consider this and possibly attend one of the upcoming meetings.

Sterling:

1. House Bill 86 was passed. This requires 3 members of the Planning Board to use 5 criteria for granting variances. Each variance must have each criterion explained. It was advised to get Town Counsel to weigh in on implementing this new bill.

2. There hasn't been any HDC meetings.

3. Senate Bill 56/57 passed and needs to be signed by the Governor. This would bring \$36 million toward infrastructure improvements.

4. Attended the County Convention. There is a bond that passed to correct chronic deficiencies to Maplewood Nursing Home. This would increase the county tax in late 2018-2019.

Weimann: No Updates

Town Manager's Report

1. Kathleen Smith – TM researched her water bill. She didn't receive a bill for over a year when her bill went into estimated mode, which triggered a \$1500 bill when a reading was taken. She is currently making additional payments along with her monthly bill.
2. After School Program- The Monadnock Bible Conference is presently doing a program serving 50 students. School would like that to remain, but a before school program was requested. The Recreation Department could run a cost-neutral program, which would require a minimum of 10 students to make it viable. The cost would be \$25 per week and the school would provide the bussing to the Recreation Department.
3. The HVAC will be inspected at the Town Office for suitable replacements and bids will go out at a later date.
4. The town has not been portrayed favorably in Park Theatre meetings and the Press. Selectmen Sterling has spoken with Clay Hollister and it was thought an open hearing may clear any negative misconceptions of the town.
5. Route 202 Advisory Committee - Members seem to be conjuring negative support. It was mentioned that giving out the correct information, that the roundabout is not a definite, may decrease some of the negativity.
6. On July 28th The Daughters of the Revolution from Fredonia, NY are coming to the Jaffrey Civic Center, sponsored by the Jaffrey Historical Society. They have asked for either the TM or BOS to send a representative. TM Frederick will be away on that date; Selectman Sterling will attend.
7. Forest Park – The Park has one tax deeded property with the possibility of a few others. The Park is looking for tax forgiveness. Selectman Sterling will forward the information about a Nashua case that may show direction on how to proceed.

Round Table Discussion

1. July 10th BOS meeting – Chairman Moore will be out of town. The decision was made to cancel the meeting if there aren't any agenda items. If there is a need for the meeting, Selectman Sterling will run the meeting.
2. Chairman Moore questioned why it takes the #1 and #2 Highway employees to pick up the weekly trash.
3. Selectman Weimann stated that the Building Maintenance man has been sighted buying supplies at Home Depot in Keene on a regular basis and has purchased several toilets recently. He stated that Belletete's sells toilets and they are supposed to give the Town a discount.

4. TM Frederick will be in Keene on Wednesday 6/13 & Thursday 6/14 for the annual Town Manager's meeting.

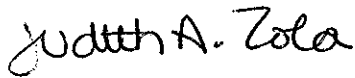
I. Other Business

J. Non-public Session

K. Adjournment

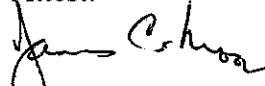
Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm on a motion by Weimann, seconded by Sterling (3-0).

Submitted:



Judith A. Zola
Administrative Assistant

Attest:



James C. Moore
Chairman

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