

**TOWN OF JAFFREY
Jaffrey, New Hampshire**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2012**

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

Absent: None

CALL TO ORDER

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

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

On a motion by LaBrie, seconded by MacIsaac, public meeting minutes for December 19, 2011 were approved (3-0).

PUBLIC HEARING

None

APPOINTMENTS

Nancy Beiter, a newly appointed member of the Conservation Commission came before the Board of Selectmen to discuss Whittimore Island. They have been working with the Nature Conservancy and Monadnock Conservancy to affect the transfer of Whittimore Island which is the land in the middle of Thorndike Pond. The island belongs to the Nature Conservancy which Mrs. Whittimore left to them. The Nature Conservancy came to the Conservation Commission and would like to donate to the town. They will donate the fee to the Monadnock Conservancy and donating the conservation easement to the Conservation Commission. The Nature Conservancy will be picking up all expenses and the Conservation Commission is asking for the Boards approval.

The Conservation Commission will be monitoring Whittimore Island on a yearly basis.

On a motion by LaBrie, seconded by MacIsaac, to accept this gift from the Nature Conservancy was approved (3-0).

Randy Heglin & Vic Krea came before the Board to discuss Water and Sewer Rates. Heglin handed out a packet of information to the Board. After explanation of the numbers, Heglin said that they tried were trying to keep the rates as stable as possible but added that next year an increase might be warranted.

On a motion by LaBrie, seconded by MacIsaac, the Board agreed to minimum charge for \$11.50 for the first 1000 gallons and the usage charge of \$1.40 per 100 gallons thereafter, approved (3-0).

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After reviewing and discussion on the Sewer Rates, a motion was made by LaBrie, seconded by MacIsaac to the following rates based on metered water usage of minimum charge of \$12.50 for the first 1000 gallons and the usage charge of \$1.59 per 100 gallons thereafter, approved (3-0).

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

None

MacIsaac

None

3) Town Manager's Report

Hartman said that last year at Town Meeting, \$25,000 was appropriated for fixes to the Town Offices. Hartman requests that the Board consider allowing us to use a portion of the money to hire a firm to look at the feasibility of relocating some of the offices in the Town Office to the upper floor at the Library. This would give us an opportunity to temporarily relieve some of the problems but this would not be a permanent move and at the same time upgrade the facilities at the library for future use.

Hartman said that he would like to explore this option over the next couple of months. Offices on the second floor of the Town Office would be moved and we would convert the second floor to storage. We would take our offsite storage that we are currently spending and put everything on the second floor. We would also have storage for the Police Department and storage for the balance of the town and a medium size meeting room if this is feasible.

The consensus of the Board is to look into this option.

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Manager Hartman also said that the Public Works Department and the Police Department Unions have come to a one year agreement. Employees will pay 1/3 more towards health/medical coverage. Employees will receive a wage increase of 2.5% effective 01/01/12.

4) Use of Jaffrey Meetinghouse

- a) Steven Sawyer – rehearsal and wedding 9/14 and 9/15/12

On a motion by LaBrie, seconded by MacIsaac, Use of Meetinghouse for Steven Sawyer – rehearsal and wedding 9/14 and 9/15/12 was approved (3-0).

- b) Reading of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 2012 at noon, waive charges

On a motion by LaBrie, seconded by MacIsaac, Reading of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 2012 at noon, waive charges was approved (3-0).

5) Abatements

- a) #12-1 – Town of Jaffrey Fire Department – 10 Goodnow Street – Sewer Abatement \$106.63

On a motion by LaBrie, seconded by MacIsaac, #12-1 – Town of Jaffrey Fire Department – 10 Goodnow Street – Sewer Abatement in the amount of \$106.63 was approved (3-0).

- b) #12-2 – Elizabeth M. Huber – 41 Tyler Hill Road – Map239/Lot248.1 – Property Tax Abatement 2010

On a motion by LaBrie, seconded by MacIsaac, #12-2 – Elizabeth M. Huber – 41 Tyler Hill Road – Map239/Lot248.1 – Property Tax Abatement 2010 in the amount of \$3,778.99 was approved (3-0).

6) Veterans Tax Credit

- a) David Burrows – 3 Nutting Road – Veterans Tax Credit \$300.00

On a motion by LaBrie, seconded by MacIsaac David Burrows – 3 Nutting Road – Veterans Tax Credit \$300.00 was approved (3-0).

- b) Joey Pomerleau – 33 Perry Road – Veterans Tax Credit \$300.00

On a motion by LaBrie, seconded by MacIsaac, Joey Pomerleau – 33 Perry Road – Veterans Tax Credit \$300.00 was approved (3-0).

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c) Patrick Stark – 10 Brendan Lane – Veterans Tax Credit \$300.00

On a motion by LaBrie, seconded by MacIsaac, Patrick Stark – 10 Brendan Lane – Veterans Tax Credit \$300.00 was approved (3-0).

OTHER BUSINESS

None

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

On a motion by Batchelder, seconded by MacIsaac, the Board of Selectmen adjourned to non-public to discuss litigation – (RSA 91-A:3; sections a and c) at 7:48 p.m.

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

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by LaBrie, seconded by MacIsaac, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. (3-0).

Submitted:

Sue Richard
Administrative Assistant

Attest:

Kathleen Batchelder
Chairman
Board of Selectmen

