

**TOWN OF JAFFREY
Jaffrey, New Hampshire**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2015**

Present: Chairman Batchelder, Selectmen Rothermel, Selectmen MacIsaac, Town Manager Caron, Sue Richard, Adm. Assistant

Absent: None

CALL TO ORDER

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

On a motion by Rothermel, seconded by MacIsaac, public meeting minutes for December 22nd were approved (3-0).

PUBLIC HEARING

Downtown Tax Increment Financing Plan

Jo Anne Carr stated that the objective of this Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District is to establish and maintain a Main Street Program for the Town of Jaffrey.

The Jaffrey Economic Development Council has approved the following projects for inclusion in this revised plan:

Main Street Program Support	Economic Development/Marketing
Downtown Traffic Study	Downtown Improvements
Elite Laundry Remediation	Community Field Bond Payment
Administration	Community Field
Municipal Facility	

Total Revenue for the projects is \$351,791 with anticipated returned revenues of \$137,744.

Corrected amount for Elite Laundry is \$40,000 – Matching Funds for the EPA Brownfields Cleanup.

Motion by Rothermel, seconded by MacIsaac to approve the Downtown Tax Increment Financing Plan as presented was approved (3-0).

APPOINTMENTS

Andy Roy, Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5613 and Jim Hunt, Commander of the John Humiston American Legion Post #11 came before the Select Board to ask if the Veterans Tax Exemption could be increased from \$300 to \$500.

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Motion by Rothermel, seconded by MacIsaac to have a warrant article for the increase of \$100 this year and an increase for \$100 the following year was approved (3-0).

Rob Stephenson came before the Board to discuss the Hearse House.

The Historical Society is proposing the Hearse House to be built next to the Jaffrey Meetinghouse and the Old Burying Grounds. This land is owned by the Town.

After much discussion about placement of the Hearse House, Chairman Batchelder said that the Historical Society will be holding an informational meeting on January 25th and that on February 5th the Historic District Commission would be reviewing the Historical Society's application to build the Hearse House. If the application is approved, the Select Board will speak about the application at their meeting on February 9th.

Also noted that we received a letter from Carol Hess asking that as a courtesy to those who come to mourn and to celebrate at the Old Burying Ground, please place the proposed museum at some location where individuals can encounter a museum.

Mike Shea came before the Board to ask for an extension to the original permission granted with all previous existing conditions in order to gain a building permit on Red Gate Road.

Motion by MacIsaac, seconded by Rothermel to grant two year extension to permission for Building Permit on Red Gate Road, Class VI Road, approved (3-0).

REGULAR BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

- 1) Payroll and Vendor Manifests
- 2) Blind Exemption
 - a) Mary Given – 73 North Street – Map/238/Lot 191
- 3) Abatement
 - a) St. Patrick School – 87 Main Street – Water & Sewer Interest \$72.42
 - b) William & Roberta Schnoor – 31 Point Road – Interest on Property Tax
 - c) Richard & Cynthia Gehnzich – Fitzwilliam Road – Property Tax

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4) Cemetery Deed

a) Phillips Heil Cemetery Lot 14 being sold back to the Town of Jaffrey in the amount of \$250 to Kyung Jim Kim & Douglas Clayton – 50 Bullard Road Jaffrey, NH

5) Yield Tax Levy

a) #14-233-03 – Craig Chamberlain – Map251/Lot1 - \$1,810.65

6) Library Trustees Alternates for One year terms – Francis McBride and Travis Shattuck

Motion by Rothermel, seconded by MacIsaac to pull 2. a) from consent agenda (3-0).

On a Motion by Rothermel, seconded by MacIsaac, the Consent Agenda was approved (3-0).

On a motion by Rothermel, seconded by MacIsaac, 2. a) Mary Given – blind exemption was denied (3-0).

F. Select Board's Business

Resolution #2015-01 – Acceptance of a gift in the amount of \$3,500 from the Monadnock Bible Conference

Motion by Rothermel, seconded by MacIsaac to accept Resolution #2015-01 – Acceptance of a gift in the amount of \$3,500 from the Monadnock Bible Conference (3-0).

1) Selectmen's Reports

MacIsaac

None

Batchelder

Budget Committee meetings every Tuesday and Thursday during the month of January.

Rothermel

None

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2) Town Manager's Report

Assessing Program – We held a kick-off meeting with MRI on January 2; MRI can now access our Vision CAMA system and has developed a strategy to complete the statistical update by mid September.

Community Center – Representatives of the Community Center have informed the Town that a long-term lease of the property (which requires Town Meeting approval) vs. outright purchase would not be detrimental to their fundraising efforts. The Select Board should make a determination tonight whether it will require the advocates to submit a petition warrant article, or will the Board be placing an article on the warrant.

Town Office Building – We are meeting with the BudCom to review the plan on January 15.

2015 Budget – The BudCom began its review of the 2015 budget on January 6 and has meetings scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the month; public hearing is scheduled for Saturday, February 7 @ 9AM at the Fire Station.

Roundabout Project – NHDOT has narrowed the list of engineers under consideration for this project to three, TEC, VHB and FST. JoAnne Carr will be representing the Town's interest in the matter supported by Don.

Veteran's Tax Credit – An item on the agenda is a request to increase the Veteran's Tax Credit from \$300 to \$500 per year, which is the maximum amount allowed by law. Currently, there are 238 Jaffrey taxpayers who receive the credit; increasing the amount to \$200 would require the Town to raise an additional \$47,600, or approximately \$0.10 on the tax rate. This change needs Town Meeting approval. If the Board is supportive of the idea yet have concerns about the impact, one strategy is to request Town Meeting approval of \$100 increases in each year for the next two years; this would require Town Meeting approval in both years in which the increase is being sought.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Batchelder seconded by MacIsaac, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. (3-0).

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Submitted:

Attest:

Sue Richard
Administrative Assistant

Kathleen Batchelder
Chairman

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