

TOWN OF JAFFREY
Jaffrey, New Hampshire

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes
January 23, 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 January 9, 2012 were approved (3-0).

PUBLIC HEARING

None

APPOINTMENTS

Kaitlyn Teixeira came before the Board to discuss the possibility of buying a big tree and planting it in front of the Library.

Kaitlyn said that she was so excited about the Jaffrey Christmas tree lighting. In her old town the tree was real, big and green. At the lighting in Jaffrey the tree was short and so small that it could fit in the gazebo.

She and many others believe that it is time to plant a real tree in front of the library. A real Christmas tree would provide a home to animals in our town that need shelter. She believes that without a nice Christmas tree, you just can't get into the spirit. She thinks the town could invest in a bigger tree that could be enjoyed for generations. Christmas is the most special time of the year and it is a shame that there is no large tree in Jaffrey to enhance the festivities

Kaitlyn said that she has someone from Agway who is looking for places that sell trees and she also has someone from Simpson Landscaping who may be able to help.

Kaitlyn told the Board that she would like to do some fundraising such as a car wash, bake sale, and have a spaghetti supper to raise money for the purchase of a tree.

The purchase of a Grand Fir tree about 10 to 12 feet is what Kaitlyn would like to do.

The Board asked Kaitlyn to talk with Agway and Simpson Landscaping to get an idea of how much money it would cost to buy a tree.

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The Board also suggested that Kaitlyn talk to Joan Knight, Library Director and also the Library Trustees and talk with them about her ideas of buying a tree and where would be a good place to plant this tree.

Selectmen MacIsaac believes that this is a great project, talk to the Library Trustees, get a cost estimate for buying and installing a tree and get back to the Board with an update.

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 reported that he met with officials at the USDA – Rural Development on January 23rd. Prior to starting construction on the new sewer plant the town applied for a received approval for financial assistance from the USDA – Rural Development. The town was approved for an outright grant of \$2,425,000 and an additional loan of \$7,278,000 towards the construction of the plant. We are attempting to close out the loan and grant with Rural Development before Town Meeting, in order to have the actual payment figures for inclusion in the town budget.

4) Abatements

a) #12-2-1 – Elaine SanSouci – 32 Pinecrest – Water Abatement \$11.50 and Sewer Abatement \$12.25

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On a motion by LaBrie, seconded by MacIsaac, Abatement #12-2-1 – Elaine SanSouci – 32 Pinecrest – Water Abatement for \$11.50 and Sewer Abatement for \$12.25 was approved (3-0).

b) #12-3 – Bruce Pelletier – 105 Peterboro Street – Water Abatement \$300

On a motion by LaBrie, seconded by MacIsaac, Abatement #12-3 – Bruce Pelletier – 105 Peterboro Street – Water Abatement for \$300 denied (3-0).

c) #12-4 – Carolyn C. Howard – 279 Mountain Road – Water Abatement \$1,652.00

On a motion by LaBrie, seconded by MacIsaac, Abatement #12-4 – Carolyn C. Howard – 279 Mountain Road – Water Abatement for \$1,652.00 was approved (3-0).

d) #12-5 – Robert A. Pelkey – 23 Park View Lane – Water Abatement \$2,855.99

On a motion by LaBrie, seconded by MacIsaac, Abatement #12-5 – Robert A. Pelkey – 23 Park View Lane – Water Abatement for \$2,855.99 was approved (3-0).

e) #12-6 – Peter & Carolyn Gedenberg – 30 Pine Street – Property Tax Abatement \$12.81

On a motion by LaBrie, seconded by MacIsaac, Abatement #12-6 – Peter & Carolyn Gedenberg – 30 Pine Street – Property Tax Abatement for \$12.81 was approved (3-0).

5) Veterans Tax Credit

a) Dennis P. Campbell – 45 Forest Park – Veterans Tax Credit \$300.00

On a motion by LaBrie, seconded by MacIsaac, Veterans Tax Credit for Dennis P. Campbell – 45 Forest Park in the amount of \$300.00 was approved (3-0).

6) First Cycle 2012 Water & Sewer Commitment Warrant

a) First Cycle 2012 Water Commitment \$95,882.41

On a motion by LaBrie, seconded MacIsaac, First Cycle 2012 Water & Sewer Commitment Warrant in the amount of \$95,882.41 was approved (3-0).

b) First Cycle 2012 Sewer Commitment \$109,284.32

On a motion by LaBrie, seconded by MacIsaac, First Cycle 2012 Sewer Commitment for \$109,284.32 was approved (3-0).

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7) Designation of Authorities for Clean Water SRF Loan

On a motion by LaBrie, seconded by MacIsaac, Designation of Authorities for Clean Water SRF Loan was approved (3-0).

8) Adoption of Health Ordinance on Waste Disposal

On a motion by LaBrie, seconded by MacIsaac, Adoption of Health Ordinance on Waste Disposal was approved (3-0).

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by LaBrie, seconded by MacIsaac, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. (3-0).

Submitted:

Sue Richard
Administrative Assistant

Attest:

Kathleen Batchelder
Chairman
Board of Selectmen

