TOWN OF JEFFERSON SELECTBOARD

February 13, 2017

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Jefferson was held at the Selectmen Office Monday, February 13, 2017 at 6:30 pm

PRESENT: Kevin Meehan, Chair, Tom Brady, and Cindy Silver members comprising a quorum of the Board.

OTHERS PRESENT: Linda Cushman, Assistant to Selectmen; Lynne Holland, Eileen and Phebee Ross; Alan Strasser; Casey Pike; Debbie Dubois; Lucille Cameron

Kevin Meehan opened the regular meeting at 6:33 pm. The Board reviewed and approved the bills for payment next week. The Highway and Transfer Station report was reviewed. The warrants were signed. Terri Larcomb, Treasurer was in to sign checks.

Cindy Silver made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 6, 2017 Select Board minutes and place on file. Tom Brady seconded the motion. Motion carries.

The Board reviewed the petitioned warrant article. Linda Cushman said that DRA says that the Board needs to either recommend or not recommend this article. After review of the article the Board said that they would wait until after the budget hearing to make a decision as they wanted more information. Hopefully the party that presented the article will be at the hearing.

NH Fuel Distribution has requested an updated application be filed. Kevin Meehan signed the application and it will be mailed to Concord.

Northern Community Investment Corp. is applying for a USDA grant to improve Wireless Linc broadband service in the North Country and the Northeast Kingdom and would like a letter of support from the Select Board. The Board said that improved service was needed and agreed to sign a letter of support. Linda had a letter prepared and the Board signed it.

Pauline Tuttle has a painting "Return of the Mayflower" by G H Boughton that she would like to donate to the Town to be hung in the new library. She has the picture now, however she does not have a place to store the picture until the library is built. Cindy made a motion to accept and hold the painting until the new library is built. Tom seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Linda Cushman reported that there is an issue with renting the Town Hall. Some of the people renting the hall refuse to clean up after themselves. It is getting to be a hassle arguing with someone as to whether the hall has been cleaned or not. It was suggested that a checklist be given to renters. There is a list that is given as well as several notice posted in the hall. There was some discussion with do decision as to what can be done.

The Chair recess the meeting to open the Budget hearing at 7:00 pm.

The meeting reconvened at 8:10 pm

The Board approved the budget and warrant as presented at the Budget Hearing. There are a couple grammar corrections to be made to the warrant when that is done Board will sign the warrant.

It was decided that the February 20, 2017 meeting would be canceled as it is Presidents Day.

The next meeting will be February 27, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

Cindy passed out a proposal from Virtual Towns & Schools for website development and implementation for Jefferson. She asked that everyone look over the information to review later.

Cindy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Town of Jefferson Budget Hearing February 13, 2017

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OTHERS PRESENT: Linda Cushman, Assistant to Selectmen; Lynne Holland, Eileen and Phebee Ross; Alan Strasser; Casey Pike; Debbie Dubois; Lucille Cameron

Kevin Meehan opened the Budget Hearing at 7:05.

Kevin read the warrant articles that will be presented to the voters of the Town at Town Meeting March 14, 2017.

There were no questions on the articles through article 14. Article 15 a petitioned article regarding a donation to support the Civil Air Patrol. Alan Strasser had presented the article explained that in July 2016 that the NH75th squadron of the Civil Air Patrol was charted. December 1, 2016 was the 75th anniversary of the Civil Air Patrol. Mr. Strasser gave a brief history the the organization. At the present there are about 80 members, 34 cadets in the 12 to 18 years of age group. The rest of the members are seniors who make up the leadership group. Kevin asked how often does the group meet. The cadets meet once a week. Ms. Pike said that she has been teaching writing skill to the cadets. There needs to something tangible for the area youth. They are taught manners, leadership and problem solving skills. There are members from Milan, Groveton, Lancaster, Berlin, Randolph Twin Mountain, Bethlehem and some from Vermont. This same petition has been presented to Twin Mountain, Dalton, Whitefield, Randolph and Shelburn. Mr. Strasser was asked who handles the funding of the organization. All funds are handled by the Wind Administrator Leslie Laura in the Concord headquarters. The American Legion in Whitefield donated \$1000 to get the group started. Mr. Strasser was thanked for his input.

Kevin explained why the Planning Board is recommending article 2 to add "Accessory Dwelling Units" to the Land Use Ordinance. The State has adopted this new regulation effective June 1, 2017. Towns have been given notice so to adopt the regulation and adopt any local regulation that will not change the intent of the original RSA 674:71-73.

Tom Brady made a motion to recommend Article 15. Cindy Silver seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Mr. Strasser stated that he has followed the Jefferson budget for several years and he feels that the Board does a great job.

The hearing was closed at 8:03