

TOWN OF JEFFERSON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

March 7, 2016

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Jefferson was held at the Selectmen Office Monday March 7, 2016 at 6:30 pm

PRESENT: Norman Brown, Chair; Kevin Meehan, and Tom Brady, members comprising a quorum of the Board.

OTHERS PRESENT: Linda Cushman, Assistant to Selectmen; Stephen Hamilton & Phil Bodwell, DRA; John Trumbull, Trumbull & Associates; Nancy DeCoursey

Norman Brown opened the regular meeting at 6:35 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 was in to pickup signed warrants and sign checks.

Tom Brady made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 29, 2016 Selectmen Meeting as written. Kevin seconded the motion. Norman abstained. Motion carries.

Phil Bodwell and Stephen Hamilton of DRA were in to inform the Board of RSA 72:7-d exemption; recreational vehicles and how this RSA functions. This RSA was effective 4/1/2015. Mr. Hamilton said that he believes that there is some confusion about travel trailers. If a travel trailer is registered it is exempt from taxation. The RSA states that a campground owner is to provide the Town with a list of unregistered travel trailers. Norman asked if this information wasn't all ready available through the motor vehicle department. Mr. Hamilton said that the campground owner was to provide the information. Tom asked if there was any recourse on the campground owner if they did not provide the list. Mr. Hamilton said no, the RSA just states they shall provide a list. There was a question as to whether it is legal to provide this information to the Town because once it is in the hands of the Town it becomes public information. Mr. Hamilton stated that they have checked their records and other area towns(Carroll Clarksville, Columbia, Lancaster and Milan) are taxing unregistered trailers. Stratford will start taxing travel trailers this year. Jefferson has taxed travel trailers in the past and it has ended up costing more to try and collect the tax than it is worth. There is nothing the the RSA's that provides a means to collect the tax owed before a trailer is moved out of town, and when you do the necessary mailings and filing you have spent more that you will collect. Mr. Hamilton was told that unregistered trailers that were on private property were taxed as there is a means to collect by lien of the property.

The Board stated that they would continue as is regarding travel trailers in campgrounds. Tom abstained.

The Board discussed the OHRV use of town roads. Norman stated that in his opinion that the club should hold more public informational meeting to make sure the public knows what the intentions are. If in theory connecting to Ride the Wild is what they are looking for if there is no connection on either side of Jefferson it is a moot point. Nancy DeCoursey said that she would agree with that. She said that Jefferson is a nice place without trails. Tom stated that he is not sure that he wants the additional business. He has heard from other campground owners that they are having issues. Kevin says that he has had a number of people say they are not in favor of the proposal. He thinks that more work needs to be done in coming up with a plan. The Board agreed that if there was a purpose for opening the

roads such as getting to a actual trail to ride then it would be a different discussion. They feel that more thought and planning needs to be done before any final decision is made.

NH division of Forests and Lands is planning to do a cut in the Agnew State Forest on the Chambers Road. They would like permission from the Town to cross the Chambers Road bridge. The Board agreed that where the NH DOT has red listed the bridge the the request to cross the bridge should be made to DOT.

The next meeting will be held Monday March 14, 2016, at 6:30 pm.

Tom made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kevin seconded the motion, motion carries.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,