

TOWN OF JEFFERSON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

March 9, 2015

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Jefferson was held at the Selectmen Office Monday March 9, 2015 at 3:30 pm.

PRESENT: Thomas Brady, Chairman, Norman Brown and Kevin Meehan members comprising a quorum of the Board.

OTHERS PRESENT: Linda Cushman, Assistant to Selectmen;

Thomas Brady opened the regular meeting at 3:30 pm. The Board reviewed and approved the bills for payment next week. The Highway and Transfer Station report was reviewed. The warrants were signed.

Kevin Meehan made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 2, 2015 Selectmen minutes as written. Tom Brady seconded the motion. Motion carries.

The Board went over the warrant articles. Norman Brown asked what the repairs were for town buildings. At the garage a new chimney needs to be erected at a cost estimated at \$9000, a new front door for the office estimated at \$1600, and at the library there is an issue with the floor that should be addressed. As for the surplus for the bridge, \$22,000 is the funds raised to make a loan payment, which did not have to be made because we did not take the loan, the balance is surplus. We will not have to take the loan if this passes.

The discontinuance of Ayling Lane has been requested by the US Fish & Wildlife Service. This road now accesses only private property owned by USF&W.

The Selectmen reviewed the letter from the Town of Whitefield stating the Whitefield will continue to maintain the Hazen Road. Norman asked what the issue was. Tom said that he was not sure, when we met with the Whitefield Selectmen and Road Agent they were in favor of continuing the maintenance of the road. It was agreed that if Jefferson was in the area and the road needed to be plowed we would do what we could to help.

Linda Cushman reported that as of April 1, 2015 that a new law takes effect regarding campground owners having to supply a list of all seasonal campers in their campgrounds as of April 1 that are not registered. This is to provide ownership information to the towns for taxation purposes. Linda said that the town had done camper taxing once before and it was a nightmare. There is no feasible means of collecting the tax, owners can sell or move a camper without having to pay taxes prior to selling or moving.

Norman said that he would suggest that for now the Town not assess campers in the campgrounds. If DRA forces the issue we should address it then. Kevin agreed. Tom abstained.

Linda reported on the health insurance seminar she attended last week. There are still many changes that will be implemented over the next couple of years. The premium set for the cadillac coverage is

tied to the CPI rate rather than a rate that would reflect actual insurance premium increases. Under dependent coverage a spouse is not considered a dependent. The big issue right now is waiting to see how the Federal Supreme Court rules on the case regarding credits given to individuals who have gotten coverage under exchanges that were not state exchanges.

The new forms that have to be filed in 2015 showing insurance coverage for employees was gone over. NHIT said that they would be willing to do the forms for small companies under 50 employees if the employer wanted to provide all the necessary employee information.

Overall the seminar was informative. There are still many changes that will be taking effect. Jefferson at this point is fortunate because it has less than the 50 full-time employees that trigger a lot of the demands.

Paul Ingersoll has agreed to be the Emergency Management Director, replacing Jeff Wiseman. Norman made a motion to appoint Paul Ingersoll as EMD. Kevin seconded the motion. The motion carries.

Linda reported that Pat Arnesen has paid her bill to the Town in full.

The next meeting will be March 16, 2015, at 7:00 pm.

Kevin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Norman seconded the motion. The motion carries.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,