

TOWN OF JEFFERSON
SELECT BOARD
March 13, 2017

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Jefferson was held at the Selectmen Office Monday, March 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; Phil Bodwell, Stephan Hamilton, Director DRA; Lynne Holland, Moderator

Kevin Meehan opened the regular meeting at 6:40 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.

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

Mr. Hamilton of DRA was in to discuss the Town's assessing practices. He said that he had been in about a year ago informing the Town that all property needs to be assessed. This includes campers in campgrounds. When these campers are not being assessed it is creating dis-appropriate assessing practice. The Commissioner of DRA has a duty to order the Board of Tax and Land Appeals to order a reassessment of Jefferson to include all camper trailers unless the camper is legally registered. Mr. Hamilton said that DRA wants to work with the community to resolve this issue. Mr. Hamilton presented a "Joint Motion for Approval of Reassessment Plan Agreement" for the Town's review.

Cindy asked what years the reassessment would cover. It would start with this year, what is in the campground as of April 1.

Tom asked what is to be done if the campground owner does not provide the list of owners. Mr. Hamilton said that the Town still has to do the best it can, even if this means just a fair estimate of the camper. Mr. Hamilton was asked if every campground in the State was assessing the unregistered and park model campers. He said that all in Coos County except Jefferson was being assessed.

Mr. Hamilton was asked how taxes were to be collected on a camper if the owner doesn't pay the tax. A camper can be sold without a lien search. The owner decides to move the camper without notifying the Town. There is no real means of collecting any assessed taxes on these campers. The cost of attempting to collect the tax out ways income.

It was asked if the campers on private property were not taxed would it make a difference. NO, Mr. Hamilton said that you are still obligated by RSA to assess the tax unless it is exempt under RSA 72:7d.

Kevin asked how long the Town had to review the agreement before having to make a decision. Mr. Hamilton said that he would like an answer ASAP, however have something for an response in a couple of weeks would be acceptable.

Lynne Holland was in to review with the Board what she had found out regarding the possibility of postponing Town Meeting due to the predicted storm. NHMA had said that the Towns had the right to postpone, then the Governor and Secretary of State said that it was incorrect, however they would not challenge a Town if they did postpone elections. DOT has said that if they get 2 to 3-inches of snow an hour they could not keep up with it. Lynne said that she has checked with the area towns, Carroll is a SB2 town, Whitefield Moderator said they were going forward as did Lancaster and Dalton. As Jefferson has a bond issue on the warrant the polls for that one item has to be open for 1-hour. This is a new law that took effect in 2014. Lynne asked the Board how they would like to handle this matter. She said that if the meeting was to go on and only a hand full of people show she would recommend postponing the meeting. After some discussion the Board and Lynne decided that voting would go on as scheduled Noon to 8 pm. Depending on the number of people that show up for the meeting itself as to whether the Moderator will postpone or hold the meeting.

Building permits were approved for Shelby Ingerson for a modular home, and Tohkomeupaq Real Estate Holdings to construct a deck and exterior staircase.

Nobis Engineering submitted a proposal to continue doing the reporting and water sampling at the Transfer Station for \$9070. NH DES is asking that sampling for PFCs and PFAS. Nobis recommends that this be done in November the additional cost would be \$2545. The Board approved the work to be done by Nobis Engineering at an estimated cost of \$11,615.

The parade permit application for the Jefferson School Memorial Day march was signed.

The Board signed the recommendation for alternate membership to the Planning Board for Alexander Mackay.

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

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,