

TOWN OF JEFFERSON
SELECT BOARD
September 18, 2017

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Jefferson was held at the Selectmen Office Monday, September 18, 2017 at 7:00 pm

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Linda Cushman, Assistant to Selectmen; Terri Larcomb, Treasurer; Representative Herb Richardson & Troy Merner; Joy McCorkhill and Nancy DeCoursey of Friends of the Library; Norman Brown, Police Officer

Tom Brady opened the regular meeting at 7:05 pm. The Highway and Transfer Station report was reviewed.

Cindy Silver made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 11, 2017 Select Board meeting as written. Kevin Meehan seconded the motion. Motion carries.

The accounts payable and payroll warrants were signed.

The invoices were reviewed and approved for payment September 25, 2017.

A building permit for a 30x32 shed from David Tinsch was reviewed and approved.

Representative Richardson said that he is the vice-chair of the House Science, Technology and Energy committee and Representative Merner is a member. Representative Merner said that he has been into the office letting Linda Cushman and the Board know that he will do what he can to support the Town's position on HB 324. Representative Richardson is here because he is the vice-chair of the committee.

Representative Richardson states that he is aware that if HB 324 passes it will hurt many towns. Using last years figures Jefferson taxes would increase 39-cents per thousand. Some towns could see an increase as high as 10-dollars per thousand. There seems to be a misunderstanding of the bill with people thinking the bill is to tax telephone poles. This is not correct. Some of the supports of the bill are looking at that there could be a decrease of \$2.30 per month in individual utility bills. New Hampshire has the 4th highest electric rates of the 50 states. The final vote on this bill will be in January of 2018.

Representatives Richardson and Merner both stated that they are not in favor of HB 324 and will not support the bill as written.

Representative Richardson stated that he has submitted several bill one being for Medicare, adequate education, renaming the Colebrook Rest Area. SB 231 this bill allows a part-time judge of the circuit court to retire under the provisions of RSA 100-A and elect senior active or judicial referee status.

Representative Merner suggested that the Board forward a copy of the letter that was sent to him to the members of the House Science, Technology and Energy members.

The Board thanked the Representatives for coming to the meeting. Representative Merner said that he would keep the Board informed.

Joy McCorkhill and Nancy DeCoursey representing the Friends of the Library were in to discuss fundraising. Ms. McCorkhill stated that they didn't want to discuss fundraising. The Friends need to know where we are going. When people want to make a donation the Friends need to be able to tell them where their money is going. There are so many rumors going around as to the future of the school building. The Board needs to find out what is going to be done with the School building.

Norman Brown presented the Board a quote for a hand-held radar unit from Kustom Signals, Inc. They have the State contract. This unit is a binocular style. It would be used for target reinforcement at special events. It also would be useful when working on speeding complaints. It was asked if the unit could be used in and/or out of the vehicle. It can be used in both situations.

Officer Brown informed the Board that the Town attorney has drawn up an agreement to be presented to the Town of Whitefield for coverage at Santa's Village. The Whitefield Police Chief will present this to his Board. The agreement is needed so that Whitefield can do the special duty at Santa's Village when no one from Jefferson is available. Whitefield will bill Santa's Village directly when they do coverage.

Norman said that as Library Trustee he is working with Ms. Brooks to maybe change the walkway into the Library. Per Ms. Brooks about 18-inches of her driveway is on Town property. Ms. Brooks has suggested that perhaps a handicap parking spot could be located in the area of the Library sign.

It was mentioned that it would be nice to get a crosswalk installed at the Library. It was stated that DOT would not allow a crosswalk, one reason being that the sidewalks are not ADA assessable.

Cindy said that she would like to see what could be done to improve the sidewalks. Cindy said that she would like to actively pursue this. Kevin said that engineering cost should be investigated. Linda will get some engineering company contacts.

Linda Cushman reported that Dave Landry of Tanner Hill will clean the fuel tank at the office for no more than \$500. Mr. Landry said that you may lose 25-gallons of fuel in the process. There is about 3/8 of a tank of fuel in the tank. Linda stated that she had contacted CN Brown telling them not to make any delivery until notified. The Board approved Mr. Landry's estimate to clean the fuel tank.

Linda reported that it has been brought to her attention that a covered bridge has been constructed at 60 Bailey Road. The issues are that no building permit has been gotten, can an emergency vehicle pass through safely, and has DES been contacted as it appears that the bridge is over the brook. It was stated that there were concerns from the Fire Department about getting through this structure. The Board said that a letter needs to be sent to the owner of the property informing them of the issues.

Linda presented the Board with the information from Passumpsic Bank regarding direct deposit. There is a one time cost of \$100. The monthly fees is \$15.00 and 5-cent fee for each debit or credit. Posting to the bank has to be done by 1 pm the day before payroll day. There are several Monday holidays and the Town pay period is Saturday to Sunday. Where the Town pays current getting the information into the bank the day before pay day which is Tuesday it is not possible. It was suggested to start withholding a weeks pay. It was also suggested to do a list of options to give the employees so they

would know. Linda said that she would contact the Department of Labor to find out what are options

are.

The next meeting will be September 25, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

It was mention that at the Hicks Field around the playground equipment the supports needed to be covered. Also the area around the equipment needs to be built up because there is to much of a drop off. Cindy said that she had noticed the problem. She will get together with Forrest Hicks to see if they have any more work that they plan on doing at the Field or if the Town will have to address the issue. Cindy also mentioned that there is a drainage issue as well that should be looked at.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Cushman