

TOWN OF JEFFERSON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
October 28, 2014

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Jefferson was held at the Selectmen Office Monday October 28, 2014 at 3:00 pm.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Linda Cushman, Assistant to Selectmen

Thomas Brady opened the regular meeting at 3:05 pm. The Board reviewed and approved the bills for payment next week and signed the warrants. The Highway and Transfer Station report was reviewed. The warrants were signed and bills approved for payment.

Kevin Meehan made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 20, 2014 Selectmen minutes as written. Tom Brady seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Linda Cushman presented 3 scenarios for the 2014 tax rate. The local school tax has increased \$1.20 per thousand, the state school increased \$.02 per thousand, the county decreased \$.25 and the town increased \$.05 if no surplus is used. If \$24,00 surplus is used it would decrease the town rate by \$.14 or if \$50,000 surplus is used the town rate will decrease by \$.35. The unassigned surplus is \$324,056, it is recommended that between 8% and 17% of the regular operating budget, school and county appropriations be held for emergencies.

Kevin made the motion to accept the recommendation to use \$50,000 surplus to reduce the 2014 tax rate. Tom seconded the motion. Motion carries. The rate will be \$20.37 per thousand, town 1.65; county 4.54; local school 11.51 and state school 2.47. Because of the increase in the local school appropriations the local school rate has increased \$1.20. Using surplus only decreases the town rate.

Linda reported that a new container for the glass at the Transfer Station is estimated to cost between \$4000 and \$4500 including delivery charges. This is something to be considering for 2015.

The Department of Environmental Services has changed the way that they are certifying Solid Waste Operators. It is being done on hours of training more than time of service. Linda said that she will make sure that the attendants are being scheduled for training.

The next meeting will be November 3, 2014.

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

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,