

Town of Jefferson
Select Board Meeting
February 13, 2023
Jefferson Community Center

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Select Board Chair Kevin Meehan, Selectman Norman Brown (Zoom), Selectman Terri Larcomb, Mike Kenison, Lisa Savage, Molly Savage, Jason Call, Biff Wyman, and Amanda Simino present.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Selectman Terri Larcomb made a motion to approve Meeting Minutes from January 30, 2023. Selectman Norman Brown seconded the motion. A Roll Call Vote was done Selectman Chair Kevin Meehan "I", Selectman Norman Brown "I", Selectman Terri Larcomb "I", and with no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Terri Larcomb made a motion to approve Payroll for January 30, February 6, & February 13, 2023. Selectman Norman Brown seconded the motion. A Roll Call Vote was done Selectman Chair Kevin Meehan "I", Selectman Norman Brown "I", Selectman Terri Larcomb "I", and with no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Terri Larcomb made a motion to approve Accounts Payable for February 3, & February 9, 2023. Selectman Norman Brown seconded the motion. A Roll Call Vote was done Selectman Chair Kevin Meehan "I", Selectman Norman Brown "I", Selectman Terri Larcomb "I", and with no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.

Highway Department:

Mike Kenison stated that due to the mild temps he feels that some of the town roads need to be posted with road bands. Ingerson Rd. and Whipple Rd. are getting really soft and definitely need to be posted. He also stated that there is some logging going on over on Ingerson and Mike will contact the logger about the road band. Selectman Chair Kevin Meehan gave Mike the authority to post the roads that need posting.

Tax Collector position:

Selectman Terri Larcomb wanted to discuss the Tax Collector position. She stated that Mary stated she would be retiring at the end of April and not much conversation has been had. She wanted to see what Selectman Chair Kevin Meehan and Selectman Norman Brown thought about working on getting that position posted. Selectman Norman Brown would like to hear from both Mary and Linda regarding job description before posting the position. Selectman Chair Kevin Meehan would like to see some changes to the current Tax Collector job description.

The Select Board asked that Amanda get Linda and Mary a copy of the current job description for the Tax Collector. Jason Call asked if the town had a Deputy Tax Collector. Select Board stated that yes and it was Linda. Jason Call also asked about semi-annual tax billing. The Select Board agrees that the town will be moving towards a semi-annual tax bill. It might not be for 2023 but possibly for 2024. The Select Board reviewed a Welfare application. There were several items missing. Lisa Savage stated that it is hard for people to get into senior housing due to long waiting lists.

Selectman Norman Brown made a motion to not approve the Welfare application due to missing several items. Selectman Terri Larcomb seconded the motion. A Roll Call Vote was done Selectman Chair Kevin Meehan "I", Selectman Norman Brown "I", Selectman Terri Larcomb "I", and with no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.

The Select Board stated that if the items that are missing get provided then they would take another look at the application to make a decision then.

Other Business:

- Select Board reviewed and initialed Unpaid Bills for 2/20/2023
- Select Board reviewed and initialed Deposits for 1/31/2023
- Select Board reviewed and initialed GL's 2/1 & 2/2/2023
- Select Board reviewed, motioned, and signed Building Permit for Brian Tibbetts **Selectman Terri Larcomb made a motion to approve Brian Tibbetts building permit to build a 60'X28' Pole Barn with a gravel floor. Selectman Norman Brown seconded the motion. A Roll Call Vote was done Selectman Chair Kevin Meehan "I", Selectman Norman Brown "I", Selectman Terri Larcomb "I", and with no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.**
- Select Board discussed Nona the mail carrier leaving Jefferson. Amanda stated that she was notified that Nona was no longer going to be the mail carrier in Jefferson and if the town was going to do something for her. The Select Board would like to know if she was going to be retiring or if she was going to a different town before they make a decision.
- Select Board discussed paper towel and soap dispensers for the kitchen. Amanda asked if she could order the same ones that were already in the building and that the Jefferson Fireman's Association would reimburse the town. The Select Board all agreed that the town would take care of the cost for both dispensers.
- Selectman Chair Kevin Meehan signed a wage increase for the Fire Department
- Select Board reviewed and signed cemetery deed for Chris & Tracey Nelson
- Select Board reviewed court document on behalf of Cherry Pond property. The Select Board asked that Amanda send it to the towns attorney for further review and guidance.
- Selectman Norman Brown wanted to discuss somethings regarding the JCC rental agreement proposal. There are a few things that need to be changed before approving the rental agreement. Selectman Terri Larcomb stated that she has already discussed with Kate some things that she would like changed. Selectman Norman Brown stated that he does not like the part of residents being able to rent the building for a non-resident, he would like to see the cleaning inspecting go away due to the town responsible for cleaning, also would like to come with a designated area for smoking away from the building but would like to know what Primex recommends in the towns policy. Once the changes are made then review and decide at that point.

Public Input:

Jason Call wanted to follow up on the e-mail he sent to Amanda regarding his concerns for the taxation warrant. Amanda did forward to the Select Board and the towns attorney. The Select Board stated that they are not wanting to go though with the Warrant Article this year. Amanda will need to check with DRA about deleting the Warrant Article where the budget and articles have already gone for final review. If the warrant can't be deleted, then the Select Board already plans on "skipping" over the article at Town Meeting and will not discuss at Town Meeting. Biff Wyman thinks the Article is dangerous and would like it to be stricken from the Warrant Articles and not at Town Meeting. It is really concerning to him where it states that the Select Board recommends the Article. The Select Board stated that again they will have to get the ok from DRA to kick the budget and warrants back to the town and out of final review before anything can be done. Amanda will be reaching out to Jamie at DRA in the morning.

Selectman Terri Larcomb made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Selectman Norman Brown seconded the motion. A Roll Call Vote was done Selectman Chair Kevin Meehan "I", Selectman Norman Brown "I", Selectman Terri Larcomb "I", and with no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.

******Next Select Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 27, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.******

Respectfully Submitted by:



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