

TOWN OF JEFFERSON
SELECTBOARD
January 17, 2017

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Jefferson was held at the Selectmen Office Tuesday January 17, 2017 at 6:30 pm

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Linda Cushman, Assistant to Selectmen; Diane & Darren Williams, Liz Milligan; Kate Savage; Lisa & Derek Snowman; Norman Brown; John & Frances Merner; Bruce Cameron; Dana Muzzey; Bruce Hicks; Ken & Lauren Jacquart; Chris Milligan, Fire Chief; Larry Wells, Mark Corrigan, Bill Patnaude; Lucille Cameron; Lewis Grover

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.

Tom Brady made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 9, 2017 Select Board minutes and place on file. Cindy Silver seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Pistol permit for Kelly Berish was signed.

House Bill 324 if passed will mandate that all municipalities will use the value of utility property determined by the commissioner of Revenue Administration pursuant to RSA 83-F:3. Should this bill pass Jefferson could lose over 3-million dollars in assessed value. This bill is slated to take effect 4/1/17 if passed. After considerable discussion the Board agreed that a letter should be sent to the Coos County Delegation as well as Senator Woodburn. Linda was asked to have a letter ready for the next meeting.

Norman Brown was in to update the Board on the request to purchase a radar gun. The cost would be \$1545 purchased under the State bid. This item would be used for targeted enforcement. It is a hand held unit and can not be used in a vehicle. Last year there were speed complaints lodged for the Israels River, Turnpike and Ingerson roads. The radar unit that the Town has now was purchased in 1992 and is outdated and can not be certified anymore. Tom asked if there were grants available. No, because this is a part-time department. It is up to the Board as to whether they consider this purchase directly in the budget or as a warrant article.

Norman said that he has an application from Chris St. Cyr to be a part-time officer for the Town. Mr. St. Cyr is retired from Lancaster PD. Pat Carr has taken the position at the high school as resource officer and works for the Town of Whitefield, making his time limited for Jefferson. Norman mention that he intends in 2018 on being gone for about 5 months. The coverage at Santa's Village is done by the Town and other local police department if they have the personnel who wants to pickup the extra hours. The coverage for coverage at Santa's Village is reimbursed by the Village. The Board approved Norman to start the process for Chris St. Cyr.

Kate Savage and Liz Milligan presented the Board with copies of the WMRSD board minutes from January 9th and 11th. The closing of the Jefferson School has come up again. This subject was not on

the school board agenda. In December James Brady had asked that a cost comparison be brought to the January 17th meeting. The Select Board was asked if they could help get some lead way on the closing. Peter Riviere made a motion to vote on the closing at the January 11th meeting, however Chairman Odell said as this was not on the posted agenda that no vote could be taken on the 11th. It was said that they would like backup information for the reasoning behind closing the school. If the school is to close what is the plan to do this.

Norman Brown said that the Strategic Plan showed where the district is going. As for the Jefferson School building and property it has to come back to the Town this is what was found out when someone went to the Dept of Ed in Concord. If the School Board votes to close the school a 1-year advance notice has to be given to the Town.

Tom Brady said that last year the Selectmen sent a letter supporting keeping the Jefferson School open.

The Board was asked if they would send a letter again in support of keeping the school open.

The regular meeting was recessed at 7:10 pm so to open the Bond/Note hearing.

The regular meeting was reopened at 7:40 pm

The Board discussed the adverse effect that HB 324 could have on the Town and the upcoming budget.

Representative Edith Tucker has filed a bill(HB 539) designed to increase local revenue from the Meals and Rooms tax. Rep. Tucker is asking for support on this bill. The Board agreed to submit a letter of support. Linda was asked to draft a letter.

The next meeting will be January 23, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

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

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,