

TOWN OF JEFFERSON
SELECT BOARD
January 22, 2018

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Jefferson was held at the Selectmen Office Monday January 22, 2018 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; John Trumbull, Trumbull & Associates; Kate Savage; Dan Gates

Tom Brady opened the regular meeting at 7:15 pm. The Highway and Transfer Station report was reviewed. The Treasurer was in to sign checks and pickup signed warrants.

Cindy Silver made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 8, 2018 Select Board meeting as presented. Kevin Meehan seconded the motion. The motion carries.

The accounts payable and payroll warrants were signed.

Bills were approved for payment January 22 & 29, 2018.

John Trumbull was in to discuss the renewal of his companies assessing contract. The Chair asked Mr. Trumbull if he was aware of SB403 which is designed to repeal the taxation of seasonal campers. Yes, he has been following it.

The Chair asked if the Board had any questions for Mr. Trumbull. It was mentioned that the cards for the camper trailers need to have more identification information on the cards so that the actual trailer being taxed can be identified. Mr. Trumbull said that he would get this done. This past year was a rush to get the information in so that taxes could be done. The other question was will the new photos of buildings be included on the record cards. Yes, Mr. Trumbull said that he has all the photos, they need to be resized before they can be put on the cards. He will be working on this and hopes to have it finished soon.

The Chair asked if there were anymore questions. No.

Cindy made a motion to engage the services of Trumbull and Associates for assessing services from January 1 through December 31, 2018 in the amount of \$10,800. Kevin seconded the motion. The motion carries. The Board and John Trumbull signed the contract.

The Chair mentioned that Mark Dubois had contacted him regarding the Dodge being down. He said the phone connections was not good. He asked Linda if she had any additional information. Yes, there is an issue with the wiring and it is effecting the emission control. They took the truck to Crosstown Motors, they will replace the wiring harness, however the harness will not be in until Wednesday. This being the case Mark has hire a truck from Maurice Dubois, which is the old town truck. They have put the sander in the truck and will be ready for the approaching storm. The Chair stated that Mark should be thanked for having a plan ready for the situation.

Dan Gates and Kate Savage were in to make a presentation to the Board. Mr. Gates stated that they have formed a committee to beautify Jefferson. They would like to put out whiskey barrels, window boxes and other plantings to beautify the Town. They would start at the Historical Society and come down through Town. They will be doing ground plantings around the signs at the town lines as well. There are 12 to 14 volunteers that will do the watering during the summer. Mr. Gates said that he will do the watering twice a week because he will be fertilizing. At the Town Office they would put flower boxes on the windows facing the parking lot and on the foyer as well as beds under the windows on the roads side. The Fire Station will have something for a couple planters, at the Library there will be a bed planted. There will never be a cost to the Town. Mr. Gates mentioned that the people at the meeting are the backbone of the Town. Mrs. Savage stated that there is a cost with everything that is done.

The Chair stated that you have to dream big anything is possible. Perhaps there are grants that can be used. The Chair committed that the Board had discussed sidewalks in Town and he would be more than happy if the committee was able to look into this. Putting banners throughout the Town would also be nice. The Chair asked for a motion regarding the presentation.

Kevin made a motion to approve the presentation of Green Up Jefferson at no cost to the Town. Cindy seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Mr. Gates said that in the fall the window boxes would have mums and in the winter greens would be placed in the boxes.

The Board reviewed the updated budget with the changes discussed last week. There was discussion on employee pay increases. The COLA increase of 2.2% was discussed. It was mentioned that there needs to be consistency with the way pay increases given. The position of fire chief was reviewed. The fire chief has 20-employees under his supervision.

The Chair committed that he believes that there will need to be more dust control than what was done last year. Also he would like to see if it is possible get the figures on leasing a 10-wheeler for this year.

Linda was asked to rework some of the budget figures and have them ready for next week.

The next meeting will be January 29, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Cushman