

TOWN OF JEFFERSON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

February 2, 2015

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Jefferson was held at the Selectmen Office Monday February 2, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Linda Cushman, Assistant to Selectmen; Joe Marshall, Library Building Comm.

Thomas Brady opened the regular meeting at 7:06 pm. The Board reviewed and approved the bills for payment next week. The Highway and Transfer Station report was reviewed. The warrants were signed.

Kevin Meehan made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 19, 2015 Selectmen minutes as written. Tom Brady seconded the motion. Motion carries.

The January 26, 2015 meeting was canceled due to the chair having the flu.

Joe Marshall wanted to let the Selectmen know where the building committee was at. They have decided on a building plan and are looking at hiring a contractor to do a design/build project. A consultant has been hired to help with fund raising. The committee is looking into grants that will help fund the project. A brochure will be printed to let every one know what is happening. Joe said that they are in hopes of having more detail available for Town Meeting. Kevin asked how the work would be done on the building as some local contractors have expressed interest in doing some of the work. Joe stated that whoever is hired to do the design/build it would be up to them if sub-contractors are used. Things are moving forward it is just a long process.

Lancaster has requested \$4185(one-eighth of the cost) to be budgeted for 2015 to help defer cost of parts for the radio system that is used to dispatch emergency services for the eight towns using the service. The radio itself is being purchased by a grant. At this time Chief Flynn stated that they will be applying for another grant that he is hopes will cover half of this cost. The Selectmen agreed that where this is a service that is used by Jefferson and is needed that they would budget for this cost. Chief Milligan said that he would not have an issue with the Fire Dept budget increased for this purpose. Chief Milligan believes that there will be an annual cost in the future to maintain the radio system.

The Selectmen reviewed a letter from the Town of Whitefield that states that effective April 1, 2015, Whitefield will no longer maintain the Hazen Road. Back in 1990 Whitefield had agreed to maintain the road if Jefferson would allow truck traffic on the road to access the Whitefield Power Plant Mark Dubois states that if Jefferson is to maintain the Hazen Road for access to the Power Plant that it would cost between \$10,000 to \$15,000 per year. Jefferson does not receive any benefits by allowing the additional traffic on the road. A meeting with the Town of Whitefield Selectmen has been scheduled for February 23, 2015 to discuss this issue.

A building permit for Stacey Hicks to construct a function hall was approved at the Carlisle Place property. The additional business building was approved by the BOA. The approval of the BOA was reviewed. This will be a post and beam building holding a function one day a week.

The budget hearing will be February 9, prior to the regular meeting.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,