

TOWN OF JEFFERSON  
SELECT BOARD  
February 26, 2018

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Jefferson was held at the Selectmen Office Monday February 26, 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; Mark Dubois, Road Foreman; Chris Milligan, Fire Chief

Tom Brady opened the regular Select Board meeting at 7:01 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 February 12, 2018 Select Board meeting as presented. Kevin Meehan seconded the motion. The motion carries.

Cindy mad a motion to accept the minutes of the February 12, 2018 budget hearing. Kevin seconded the motion. There were two grammar errors that need to be corrected. The minutes were approved with the corrections being made.

The accounts payable and payroll warrants were signed.

Bills were approved for payment February 26 and March 5, 2018.

Chris Milligan presented the Board the annual mutual aid agreement to sign. This agreement will provide assistance from and to area town in the event of an emergency.

Chris stated that the State Fire Marshall' office have received a grant that will provide smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors to residents that qualify. The Fire Department will be instructed on the installation of these devises. Also marketing and educational material will be provided. To qualify you must be 60 or older or have children 6-years of age or younger, and these are for residential properties only. There is no cost to the Town.

Mark Dubois said that he has been working with the forester for the Randolph Town Forest to get the east end of the Ingerson Road repaired. The logging company should not have been hauling when the road got soft. The Chair said that he had contacted John Scranzia with concerns of the damage that was being done. Mr. Scranzia came to see for himself and took pictures of the damage. The Forester stated that they would cover the cost of the repairs of the road.

Mark said that all the roads had taken a hit this past week. He will finish up on the Ingerson Road then start working on Enman Drive, Whipple Road and the Turnpike.

There was an issue with the Int'l this past week. It would get hot then not start. It is fixed for now.

Mark stated that he had gotten the information regarding leasing a truck from Portland Truck and McDevitt. With the information that is being provided leasing is only a means of financing. At the end

of the lease the Town can purchase the truck for a minimal cost. The estimate cost for just the truck is \$189,000. This does not include plow or sander.

There was a question as to why the librarian had not gotten the raise that was approved by the Select Board. Linda Cushman presented the Board with the a paper that had been given to the Board by the Library Trustee Chair that stated the Library staff was NOT a Town employee. There was some discussion regarding this matter. Yes the Library staff shows on the Town payroll list, however that is only because it is not feasible for the Trustees to do their own bookkeeping. It was questioned as to why that in 2015 the Selectmen had approved a wage increase. In looking at the minutes it was stated that in calculating the Library budget for the new year at that time that the Board had taken into consideration a wage and hours increase.

After consideration of what had been presented and discussion it was determined that the Select Board would recommend to the Library Trustees the wage increase of 2.2% for 2018. It is up to the Trustees to make the decision as to whether or not approve the recommendation.

Chris Gamache of DNCR has given the dates of either March 19<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> to meet with the Board regarding the drainage issues on the rails trail. The Board agreed that March 19<sup>th</sup> would be best for them. Linda was asked to contact Mr. Gamache to confirm the meeting.

Carol Miller, Director of Broadband Technology has provided several dates that she would be available to meet with the Board. In review of the dates the Board said that April 2<sup>nd</sup> would be work for them. Linda will contact Ms. Miller.

The other item is a meeting with the stakeholders meeting regarding the crossing issues at Santa's Village. Jordan Parent a UNH student who is working on his senior engineering project would like to have a meeting March 23<sup>rd</sup>. This meeting will be held in the North Country. The Board said that they would not be able to attend a meeting on that day. The Chair recommended that Linda Cushman represent the Board at the meeting then she could report back to the Board. The Chairs recommendation was approved by the Board.

Michael Cross of Mascoma Bank would like to meet with the Board to review what the bank has to offer for municipal services. The Chair asked Linda to meet with Mr. Cross and report back to the Board.

The next meeting will be March 5, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,