

TOWN OF JEFFERSON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
March 14, 2016

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Jefferson was held at the Selectmen Office Monday March 14, 2016 at 6:30 pm

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Linda Cushman, Assistant to Selectmen; Gil and Sherry Finch; Derek Snowman; Mark Dubois, Hwy Foreman; Terri Larcomb, Treas.

Kevin Meehan opened the regular meeting at 6:45 pm. The Board reviewed and approved the bills for payment next week. The Highway and Transfer Station report was reviewed. The warrants were signed. Terri Larcomb was in to pickup signed warrants and sign checks.

Tom Brady made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 7, 2016 Selectmen Meeting as written. Kevin seconded the motion. Cindy Silver abstained. Motion carries.

Mark Dubois reported that the roads are holding up good. They have been working on the flatbed trailer replacing the decking and doing some frame work. The cost of repairs are less than replacing the trailer. The small trailer Mark said that the tongue has been replace. This will keep it operational for now. We should think about replacing it sometime in the future.

Mark reported that they have put gravel on the Turnpike. Regarding using liquid chloride, Mark said that he has gotten some prices and believes he can get set up for about \$3000. This would include 1-1000 gallon tank, 1-500 gallon tank, a pump and sprayer bar. It was asked how the sprayer bar would be set up. Mark said that the bar would be fitted with pressure washer tips which will give more spray area. There is most of the chloride that was purchased last year that is left, therefore none should have to be purchased this season. This will be a savings of about \$9000. Tom made a motion to approve the setting up for liquid chloride not to exceed \$3,500. Cindy seconded the motion, motion carries.

Gil Finch, VP of the Jefferson OHRV Club introduced himself, his wife Sherry and Derek Snowman to the Board. Mr. Finch said that the Club had a meeting Sunday and wanted to know where they were with regards to the Board and getting trails in Town. He said after reading the minutes that we know where things are at. Kevin said that he has had several call opposed to trails on the roads. People have asked if there were any trails that were not on the roads. Mr. Finch stated that he did not believe that it was the Clubs intention to create a off road park in Jefferson. They were looking to support the local businesses. Kevin said that there are concerns about the amount of traffic for what purpose.

There were 30 or so people that got together wanting to get a club organized. It was not the clubs intent to use the railroad bed. Every conversation always seems to get back to the railroad bed. The Club is being told that Lancaster has an approved trail that would connect to Jefferson making it possible to leave Jefferson and head north. Tom said that he has received calls about using the rail bed and that the purposed trails are just an attempt to get to the rail bed. It would be good if the Club could hold more meeting to get more consensus of what is being purposed. Something that may go a long ways in getting people on board would be to have some trails that are off the roads. Mr. Snowman said

that no one wants to ride the roads, the object is to make a connection to the rest of the system. He said that as a Club they would like to have off roads trails. Cindy said that she thinks getting something together that is more concrete would be go a long way. Mark suggested that maybe a direct route in and out of Town would be a good starting point. Terri suggest to go slow, the local people will use the roads. The locals should be able to use the Town roads. She feels that if there are going to be problems that it will be with the locals not people passing through. It was stated that getting use of Route 2 from North Road down to Santa's Village is highly unlikely as no one has had any success getting the speed reduced for pedestrian safety.

Kevin said that there seems to be a push from Lancaster to get to Gorham. Mr. Finch said that he hadn't heard that and it is not the Clubs thoughts. Our Club is trying to do everything correct. The are registered with the State. Tom said that there shouldn't be any concern about being abandoned by the Club as the Selectmen can shut down the roads at any time. Policing is a concern. Mr. Finch says the State trains Club members so they can self-patrol the trails. What happens when no one is available. The State Police would be call for and auto problems so the same would be done for ATV's. Cindy said that she would think that landowners would police their own property. Mr. Snowman said that Fish and Game puts out game cameras in area where there has been an issue. We need to be sure where coverage is coming from.

Grant In Aid is State grant money that may be used to cover cost of chloride application. The RTP is federal money and has been approved for 5 or 6 years may also be available to cover cost to the Town for road maintenance. The March 15 deadline was for the Selectboard to request NH DOT to approve State roads for OHRV use. The State takes request between January 1 and December 31 each year to make a decision for the following year.

The Board suggest that the Club hold some more public meetings to get more information out to the general public. The more information that is put out the more informed people will be. Mr. Finch asked if there was a liaison for the Town and Club. He was told that Linda Cushman would be that person. Mr. Finch thanked the Board for their time and input.

Two pistol permits were signed. The MS-232 appropriations was signed for submitting to DRA.

The property abatement for Stuart Hotchkiss was approved and signed. After inspection of the property the assessment was reduced by \$27,100.

The anti virus software is about to expire, Linda asked if the Board would approve renewal of the Vipre software. The request was approved.

Cindy said that she will be submitting her resignation to the Planning Board as Kevin is the Selectboard representative.

The next meeting will be held Monday March 21, 2016, 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 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,