

TOWN OF JEFFERSON
SELECT BOARD
March 26, 2018

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Jefferson was held at the Selectmen Office Monday March 26, 2018 at 7:00 pm

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Linda Cushman, Assistant to Selectmen; Mark Dubois, Highway Foreman; Terri Larcomb, Treasurer

Cindy Silver opened the regular Select Board meeting at 7:00 pm. The Highway and Transfer Station report was reviewed.

Kevin Meehan made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 19, 2018 Select Board meeting as presented. Tom Brady seconded the motion. The motion carries.

The accounts payable and payroll warrants were signed.

Bills were approved for payment April 2, 2018.

Mark Dubois reported that the roads are in good shape, some are rough, but dry.

They have been going through the grader changing fluids and filters in preparation of grading the roads.

Burt Gilbert hasn't had a chance to look at the Int'l yet, hopefully Tuesday. Mark thinks that the problem is a head gasket.

If the weather stays dry he will try to smooth out the Whipple and Turnpike roads.

The ambulance contract with the Town of Lancaster was signed. The cost for one year is \$15,498.

The Board reviewed the annual Transfer Station report to be submitted to DES.

Mascoma Bank had been approached to quote for the purchase of the new fire truck. They sent a small business application to be filled out. After review of the application the Board determined that a letter requesting a quote would be sent in place of the application as the application does not apply to the Town. A letter requesting a quote was written and the Board signed.

It was asked which other banks had been contacted asking for quotes. Passumpsic Savings Bank and Bank of America.

Linda Cushman reported on the presentation she attended regarding crossing options for Santa's Village. Jordan Parent, Thomas Sachs and Jessica Choiniere UNH students made the presentation as part of their Senior project. They are engineering students at the University. Also present was William

Lambert and Phil Beaulieu, of NH DOT, Christian Gainer and another person from the Village. The project proposal and scope of work was to improve the safety of pedestrian crossing. They looked at five separate alternatives:

- pedestrian bridge over Route 2 – would encompass too much area
- traffic circle – would not effectively address the pedestrian issue
- traffic signal – not feasible for the location
- complete streets – was determined to be the best solution and cost effective

The group explained what a “complete streets” design would do. “Complete streets” would give a flexible design, addition of sidewalks, addition of a median and crosswalk with pedestrian island, “pedestrian crossing” signs ahead of crosswalk and meet needs for safe pedestrian crossing. The first item that was discussed was the island in the center of Route 2. NH DOT stated that this would not work because of winter maintenance problems. It was stated that a painted island could be done. The plan has sidewalks on both sides of Route 2 at the entrance of the park and at the parking lot. This was discussed, some of the group did not like the idea of crosswalks on both sides of the road. It was determined that it would be best to have the sidewalk on the north side of the highway directing foot traffic to one road crossing. The students were asked to show what the cost comparisons were between the different options that were looked at. This information is just an idea that might help address the pedestrian crossing issue at Santa's Village.

The Board did not believe that the “complete streets” plan addresses the concerns of pedestrians crossing Route 2.

The next meeting will be April 2, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Carol Miller will be in at 7:15, to discuss the cable franchise renewal.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,