

TOWN OF JEFFERSON
SELECT BOARD
APRIL 17, 2017

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Jefferson was held at the Selectmen Office Monday, April 17, 2017 at 6:00 pm

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Linda Cushman, Assistant to Selectmen; Chris Milligan, Fire Chief; Stacy Dubois and Ron Anstey of State Fire Marshal Office; Mark Dubois, Highway Foreman; Terri Larcomb, Treasurer; Dan Gates

Tom Brady opened the regular meeting at 7:02 pm. The Highway and Transfer Station report was reviewed. Terri Larcomb, Treasurer was in to sign checks.

Cindy Silver made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 10, 2017 Select Board meeting. Kevin Meehan seconded the motion. Cindy stated that the eighth paragraph on page 2 should read "some culverts still need attention". Motion carries.

Ron Anstey and Stacy Dubois of the State Fire Marshal Office were in to update the Board on the State Building and Fire codes. Mr. Anstey passed out copies of RSA 155-A:2, 155-A:7, 153:4a and 153:5. These RSA's address the enforcement of building and fire codes. Mr. Anstey asked if the Town had adopted the provisions of RSA 674:51. NO, it has not been adopted. This being the case with written request from the Town the Fire Marshal's Office or it's designee may enforce the provisions of the state building and fire codes. Under RSA 155-A:2 VI in any municipality that has not adopted by ordinance pursuant to RSA 674:51, the contractor of the building, building component, or structure shall notify the state fire marshal concerning the type of construction before construction begins, excluding single and two-family homes. When doing renovation there is a 50% rule, as long as it can safely be separated only the renovation has to comply with new codes. All places of assembly and schools by statute have to be inspected. Mr. Anstey said that he would double check but thought that any business that is licensed by NH DHHS has to get building permits from the FMO. He will get back with a confirmation on this.

A municipality may adopt building codes, however the codes cannot be less restrictive than the state codes. In November of 2016 legislation was changed that states that the FMO must issue building permit for all commercial businesses. The fees are based on a percentage of the contract, with a minimum fee of \$75.00. A municipality may request the FMO to act as building inspector on a per case or a blanket request.

There was discussion on how to let owners and contractors know that there are State regulations and codes that have to be followed even though the municipality does not have a building inspector. Including a check list with the building permit. It was suggested that to bring establishments into compliance that perhaps a program could be started that would inspect a few businesses each year. The thing to remember is to start slow, work with a business, let them establish a plan of compliance, bench marks for a long term plan.

Mr. Anstey and Ms. Dubois were thanked for their time in letting the Board and Fire Chief know some of the requirements regarding building codes, inspections and fire codes. The Board appreciated the information and look forward to working with the FMO.

Dan Gates was in to inform the Board that there would be a young man staying at his place on the North Road who has had a troubled past. The stay is expected to be short term. He is of no threat to anyone, however before rumors started Mr. Gates wanted to let the Board know.

Chief Milligan informed the Board that Valley Fire Truck is going out of business therefore they will be working with Eastern to finalize the specs.

There was a brief discussion on how building permits should be handled as to who should do the initial review. No decision was made, more thought needs to be given to this.

The accounts payable and payroll warrants were signed.

The invoices were reviewed and approved for payment next week.

Mark Dubois reported that he is working with John Deere and Case to get quotes reworked with what he is looking for a sweeper. Mark was asked if he had looked at Komatsu as they are a local dealer. Yes, however they don't have what we are looking for.

Mark reported that they have started working on the roads. They have graded the dry spots on Turnpike Rd., Couture Rd. and Whipple Rd. There is still some ditching work to be done on the Ingerson Road. Mr. Chessman has stated that he did not want any ditching at his property. Mark said that he was only planning to go as far as Armstrong's.

Mark presented the culvert map that had been requested. He said that he will get together with the fire department to see if they can flush the sand out of the double culvert by the campground. As far as doing the ditch from the end of the culverts the Town can only do what is within the ROW.

On the Valley Road Mark reported that there needs to be some material brought in to bring the road back up so that it can be worked. There is a culvert that needs to be replaced as well. The State has done some ditching from the Carter Cut through to the Jefferson Notch Road.

Mark was asked to do a list of culverts and prioritize as to the ones that need work. Perhaps a section of culverts can be scheduled each year for work. It was asked how many culverts are replaced annually. About 5 per year. When prioritizing culverts if a section of road that needs extra work could also be done. This would help budget for the work.

Kevin made a motion to sign the DRA proposed "joint motion for approval of reassessment plan agreement" to assess camper trailers. Cindy seconded the motion. Motion carries. Tom Brady recused himself as he is a campground owner.

Elizabeth Milligan is the new Library Trustee chair. She and the librarian have done an inspection of the library property. Larry Kenison has not done the work as he had said he would last fall. It is being requested that the walk be repaired as there are places where it is uneven. It was stated that to repair the walk correctly it would be a major project. Kevin said that he would speak with Larry Kenison about doing the repairs.

A motion was made and seconded to approve and pay hours submitted by Barry Nelson less 1.5 hours for time at JES safety meeting. Motion carries. The Chair stated that he would inform the Chief of the decision.

The next meeting will be April 24, 2017 at 6:00 pm

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Cushman