

TOWN OF JEFFERSON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
April 18, 2016

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Jefferson was held at the Selectmen Office Monday April 18, 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; Mark Dubois, Highway Foreman; Donna and Christopher Laurent

Kevin Meehan opened the regular meeting at 6:40 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 April 11, 2016 Selectmen Meeting as written. Cindy Silver seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurent were in to discuss the meeting that they attended in Whitefield regarding the Mt. Washington Regional Airport and the proposal to house National Guard helicopters. They asked if the Town had been noticed of the meeting. No. Mr. Laurent said that as Jefferson is part of the Airport Commission that it should have some say in the matter of the operations at the Airport. Kevin told Mr. Laurent that Jefferson no longer belonged to the Commission. It was voted at Town Meeting a couple of years ago to withdraw. Mr Laurent stated that the National Guard wants to build a hanger to house two Black Hawk helicopters for training purposes. The National Guard now comes up from Concord and it would be more economical to house the helicopters here. They says that this area is the most conducive to their training because of the terrain. There would be six to eight training sessions per year. Mr. Laurent said that if the Government gets into the Airport whose to says they won't put in a larger facility later. They are concerned with the adverse effects of the noise to the surrounding area especially the Refuge and property owners. There will be a fuel truck that will be traveling the Airport Road which is all ready an issue for the Town. Mr. Laurent said that if the National Guard is allowed to build a hanger at the Airport it will decrease the property values in the area. Mr. and Mrs. Laurent said that they are concerned that even with the large turn out that was at the meeting and were not in favor of this that the Whitefield Selectboard will go ahead with the approval of this request. They asked if Jefferson would look into this. Mrs. Laurent asked that someone make sure that the Refuge knows about the proposal being made. Mrs. Laurent asked "what can concerned citizens do to protest? How to go about it?" Cindy asked that this be looked into since the Board had concerned towns people who took the time to come to the Board meeting.

Mark Dubois reported that they have started grading some of the roads. Whipple Road has be graded and raked and they are working on the Turnpike Road. If it doesn't rain heavy this week they should be in good shape.

Mark said that in the next couple of weeks he plans on getting the roads sweep. He is going to rent the Bobcat sweeper from Central Paving. Kevin asked if this had a bucket to catch the sand. Yes. Avery was not interested in coming up here to do the sweeping this year.

Mark said that he has a final price on the tires for the grader at \$1200 each, from NE Tire in Littleton. The tires are radial and should last the life of the grader. There should be no need to purchase any more chloride this year. Mark was asked about winter sand, how much will you need. Only about three quarters of the sand was used so about 700 tons will need to be purchased instead of the 1000.

Tom made a motion to purchase 4 grader tires at a total cost of \$4800. Cindy seconded the motion. Motion carries.

In review of the elderly exemption application from Robert Keene the Board said that they will need to clarify the expenses to offset the income. A letter will be sent to Mr. Keene requesting the additional information. Linda was asked to prepare a letter for next week signing.

The Waumbek Methna Snow-machine Club is applying for a grant to replace the bridge over the Israel River in Riverton which comes out onto the Town property behind the garage. The bridge will be constructed to allow for the groomer to use it. Bruce Cameron has submitted a new Snowmobile Trail Permission sheet along with permission sheet that needs to be signed by the property owner to go with the grant application. Mr. Cameron asked if the Town would be willing to write a letter of support to be submitted with the grant application. The Board approved renewing the permission to allow the snow-machine trail on the Town garage property and sign the grant permission. Linda was asked to write a letter of support for the Club.

Linda was asked to follow up on the public meeting in Whitefield regarding the Airport.

The next meeting will be held Monday April 25, 2016 6:30 pm.

Cindy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom seconded the motion, motion carries.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,